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The "Selden" Plunger Pump.

The great and increasing demand for water works pumps from villages and towns just growing into the necessity for a larger and more certain water supply than can be depended on from the primitive system of wells, and rainfall on roofs, is, we think, a sufficient reason for presenting a somewhat detailed account of one of the leading pumps of this class. The illustration represents a direct, double action plunger pump, as used for mining and city water works, the centers of the steam and water cylinders being placed in one straight line (either vertical or horizontal), thus constituting a direct action pump, in contradistinction to those where the power is transmitted from an engine or other motor to a separate pump. It will be seen that the steam is applied to the steam piston and the power is transmitted "direct" to the water plunger, which is fastened to the opposite end of the piston rod; the power is therefore all expended in doing useful work excepting the very slight friction of the packing.

The engine which we illustrate is very similar to the one used for supplying the town of New Brunswick, N. J., with water. The stroke is 6 feet. The steam cylinder is 36 inches in diameter, and the pump plunger 22 inches. In this engine, or account of the very heavy head of water against which it has to pump (130 feet), the air chamber is made of only 16 inches in diameter and 25 feet high, which gives a very regular flow of water in the pipes. The pump makes from 12 to 20 strokes per minute, the average speed of piston being about 130 feet. With 14½ strokes per minute the pump delivers 100,000 gallons per hour. The pump is furnished with a Craig & Brevoort condenser, which is worked by a small Selden pump, 10 inch steam and water cylinders with 16 inch stroke. In the engraving, however, the condenser is attached directly to the main pump itself. The small or circulating pump is driven a little faster than the engine itself. The displacement of the plunger per double stroke is 232 gallons; the slip is only 1½ per cent. less than the calculated speed of discharge.

The steam piston has self-adjusting spring ring packing, requiring no attention whatever from the engineer in charge. There are two steam valves, the auxiliary and main valves, both flat faced slide valves, working on a common face. These valves constitute a very marked feature of this pump; their extreme simplicity and certainty of action and the ease with which they can be faced after much use, giving them such a great advantage over the more complicated forms of valve movement. A glance at the illustration shows that no "hand lever" or "starting bar" is used; simply because none is needed with these valves.

The easy, smooth manner in which this pump reverses at the end of each stroke, and the consequent absence of pulsation in the discharge pipe, demands notice, and constitutes one of its especial claims as a water works pump, where the "thumping" action of a badly constructed pump is so mischievous to the mains, especially where the pressure is heavy. This steady and continuous flow in the force mains is produced partly by the proper proportioning of the steam passages, and partly by the arrangement of the water valves.

In this pump the steam and exhaust ports are opened simultaneously at the commencement of the stroke and remain open to the end, when they are similarly opened for the return stroke.

The result of this is, that a steady flow of steam follows the steam piston, giving it a uniform velocity which is communicated to the water in the main. Keeping the above in view, it will be evident to any one acquainted with steam that, as compared with a steam engine having a similar cylinder, this pump will not require so large steam passages even if its piston moves as fast as the average for the engine; when it is added that the piston velocity of the pump is rarely over 100 feet per minute for large sizes the difference will appear more evident, since the engine piston would generally be more than three times the speed. By pushing this comparison farther, so as to include the "lap," "lead" and "cutting off" of an ordinary engine valve, we will find that this pump will be better supplied with steam than the engine if its ports are from ¼ to ½ the area allowed for fast running engines.

The great shock delivered to the pump and the water in the mains, by instantly admitting steam and releasing it from the opposite end of the cylinder through large ports, is here totally avoided; in this pump the steam and exhaust passages are reduced to the size found necessary by actual experience to ensure

a free admission of steam when the pump is doing its maximum duty, thus avoiding the waste resulting from filling and emptying large ports, and producing the easy admission and emission of steam which makes this pump so remarkably free from thumping in its action.

These pumps are frequently fitted with condenser and circulating pump, the boilers being fed from the hot well, and give excellent results for the coal burned. The action of the steam cylinder and condenser is best shown by indicator diagrams, copies of which, taken from these pumps under different conditions, will be supplied by the builder on application, as their reproduction by explanation here would be too lengthy.

We now come to the water end of the pump, which consists of two water cylinders, having one plunger working into both. For sizes over six inch plunger the suction chamber is under the cylinder, the bed being cast hollow for this purpose; between the cylinders and the top of the bed which forms a common chamber for both, two valve plates are placed on which the suction valves work. Two similar

The valves are flat rectangular pieces either of brass or faced with rubber or leather, and can be taken out from the small pumps in a few seconds, and from the large water works pumps in from one to two minutes. In emergencies flat pieces of wood can be used till duplicate valves are procured.

This pump was patented in the United States in 1870, since which time some very expensive and important experiments have been made, resulting in several valuable improvements. In its present form it is strong, simple, fairly economical of power, and efficient in its working. It has been successfully introduced into the mines in Saxony, is patented in England and represented and largely manufactured by one of the leading firms there (J. H. Wilson & Co., Liverpool). More detailed information on particular points may be obtained from the proprietor and builder, Mr. A. Carr, 43 Cortlandt street, N. Y.

Transmission of Power by Chain.

Among the recent inventions which have

pleasure. The power, transmitted over sprocketed wheels, is as certain as gearing. The connections on the links are cast in permanent form, thus effectually disposing of the question of stretch in service. The broad bearing secured by the round of the link working in the connection of its fellow for the full width of the opening, gives a chain which may be run on edge without sagging. It will be seen that the form of the links and their close succession gives a chain with edges straight and smooth as a belt. It will also be seen that the round working in round secures the minimum of friction, thereby giving great wearing quality. While exposed, transmissions may be made with this better than with any other known device; short and slow transmissions can be made where belting and wire rope both fail. Its availability for vertical transmissions is especially noticeable. For carrying and elevating purposes attachments may be cast to the links for connecting slats, rakes, buckets and other devices employed for those purposes. A glance at the link will show that by varying

silver inlaid bronze vases and candlesticks, of poor workmanship and no particular design, for the European market.

A Blast Produced by Superheated Steam.

For a long time past a French engineer, named Testud de Beauregard, has busied himself with finding new uses for superheated steam. Recently he has constructed a steam blast which is thus described in the *Deutsche Industrie Zeitung*. His apparatus, which may be used to force air into a smith's forge, for example, consists essentially in this, that a superheater is attached to any sort of a steam generator, and has a discharge pipe to which are fixed five little mouth pieces 1 millimeter wide. The steam which escapes from these enters conical tuyeres which are provided with cylindrical end pieces, and all the steam jets are collected in one tube. The escape mouth pieces are each provided with a separate stop cock, so that one or more may be cut off when it is not desired to drive so many fires. The steam heated to 700°C. (1292° Fah.) escapes from each of these

mouth pieces with an expansive force of 4 to 5 atmospheres, which corresponds to the great quantity of heat contained in it, and this forms to a certain extent a propelling piston in the cylindrical tube through which it passes, so that the air sucked along with it into the conical tuyeres is forced violently along, and compressed when it reaches the collecting tube. This latter is a worm-shaped tube which opens in a vessel of water. Here the small amount of water in the steam condenses and settles, while the compressed air collects in the upper part of the vessel, whence it can be conducted wherever needed.

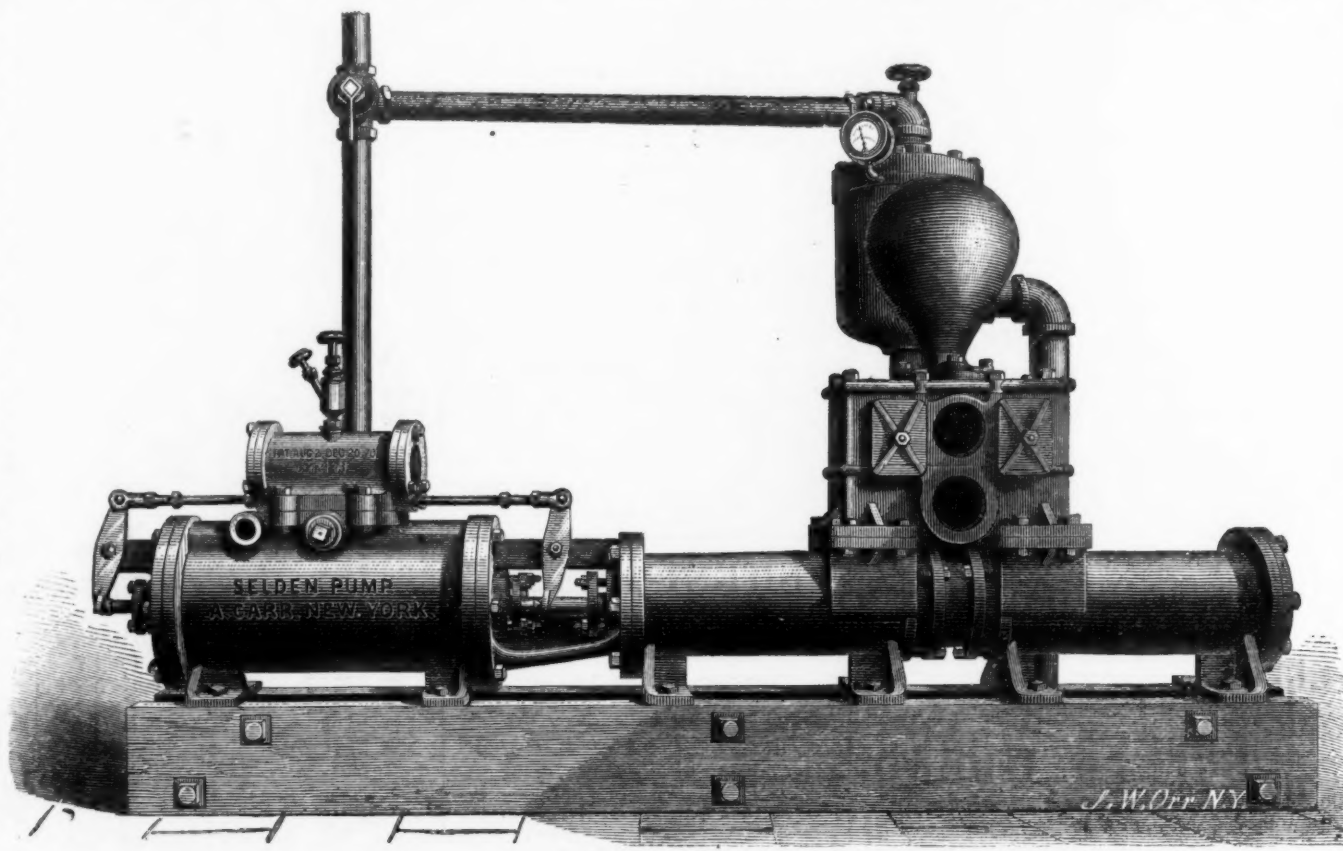
With this arrangement Testud de Beauregard believes that a much more perfect application of power can be obtained than with valves or ventilator, because the steam acts by its pressure as well as by its heat and its large volume, which latter, according to Testud's experience, is about 4½ times as great for superheated steam as for saturated steam. Such superheated steam, in consequence of its heat and lightness, will carry with it eleven times its volume, and it is supposed that if 820 liters of blast can be produced by the evaporation of 1 kilo. of water in the ordinary blast apparatus, the same quantity of steam by Testud's apparatus will generate 14,000 liters of blast. This current of air is easily regulated according to the quantity desired by opening and closing the stop-cocks, and beside it possesses a constant temperature, which can be regulated at will, as well as a constant hygrometric quality. It is also suggested that this blast

will be deoxidizing, as opposed to the dry oxidizing action of a ventilator, which would be an advantage for many purposes. If, on the other hand, an oxidizing blast is desired, the steam still contained in the blast can be easily condensed and removed, by cooling the conducting pipes.

The Survey of Lake Ontario.

The following are some of the particulars in regard to the United States survey of Lake Ontario:

The survey party in charge of the work consists of five distinct corps, each numbering about twenty men. Each party takes a section of ten miles—making a survey of coast line of fifty miles at one time. They have just completed the survey of the whole shore of Lake Ontario, the topography of the shore and soundings being clearly marked. The party at the mouth of the Niagara River are just finishing the survey of the river, from Lewiston to Navy Island. The soundings at these points have not been so satisfactory as at other points of the river. At the new Suspension Bridge good results were obtained, the lead under the bridge showing a depth of 192 feet, while a little below the depth varied from 162 to 165 feet. The height of the American Falls is 158 feet—an accurate measurement, as by the assistance of a guide the lead was placed at the base of the Falls near the "Shadow of the Rock." It will be observed that the above measurement of the American Falls is the same as former surveys give as the depth of the Horse Shoe or Canadian Falls, viz., 158 feet, while the previous measurements of the American Falls is stated at 164 feet in perpendicular height. The line of the American Falls, usually stated as 200 feet in length, is so ragged that it is difficult to obtain any exact measurement. The survey party intend to overcome this difficulty by the use of mirrors, by throwing a light from one side to any desired point on the other shore. It is believed that the disputed question whether the line of the falls is extending up the river will be settled, though doubts are entertained whether the survey of 1842 can be relied upon as a correct point of calculation. The result will be watched with interest, as will also the survey of the Horse Shoe Falls.



THE "SELDEN" PLUNGER PUMP.

plates (exact duplicates) are placed over the cylinders and covered with a discharge chamber common to both, all the valves being exact duplicates, and consequently interchangeable. These plates are very easily accessible for cleaning or removal.

The action of the water valves remains to be considered, and for the purpose of making this very important feature very distinctly evident we will refer to the action of badly arranged water valves. With any valve where the lift is high (and the usual round valves covering a circular opening must lift half the radius of the opening to give the required area) the "slip" must be great, that is, some of the water which has been drawn through the valves, or forced through the discharge valves, "slips" back again when the pump reverses, before the valves seat, thus actually producing a return current from the main back again into the pump, and from the pump into the suction pipe; under these circumstances, before the valves seat the plunger has reversed and is following the water up with considerable velocity (often greater than the average velocity of the pump), the valves then seat with a heavy thump from the return current on their backs, and the plunger comes instantly against the solid column of water just as a "ram" would against a solid wall; even this comparison being too weak, since water is much harder than any wall.

This common and mischievous evil is avoided in the "Selden" pump by giving the valves a very short lift, the requisite area of discharge being obtained by using a number of long narrow ports with a length of about six times their breadth, thus in the aggregate presenting a very long admission and emission edge. These valves seat easily and quickly, so that the plunger reverses at once against the column of water before it acquires any perceptible velocity, and before the flow of water in the discharge main has noticeably stopped, producing, as referred to before, the smooth steady action for which this pump is so celebrated.

come prominently into notice, is a chain with detachable links, adapted primarily to the transmission of power. The invention grew out of an attempt to supply a transmitting agent for elevators and carriers in harvesting machines. In order that these machines might be adapted to work in grain in all conditions, and at all elevations, it became necessary to give a transmitting device which would work well in exposed positions out of doors, and which could

its form and size a chain of almost any strength may be obtained.

We commend this to the attention of all mechanics as a most valuable aid, and interested persons may communicate with the inventor, Mr. W. D. Ewart, in care of the Chicago Malleable Iron Company, 116 Lake street, Chicago.

Japanese Fancy Work.—The fine arts of Japan are abandoning their thrones. The art of China is well nigh dead; true, they still paint porcelain and carve ivory with dim recollections of bygone splendors, but the old and good art is gone, and can never come again. The art of Japan is deteriorating, and it would seem that the decorative arts of an Eastern people cannot bear the evil effect of the European market; Chinese art has died of the demand for dinner sets, backgammon boards, work boxes and chessmen for exportation; and Japanese art is fast becoming moribund now that a sale can be found for hundreds of thousands of fans a year, with glove boxes and teapots in proportion. The workmen who have the exceptional skill required for the finest work, to whom have descended those secrets of workmanship and that familiarity with design which we find so extraordinary, will not continue to do fine work when cheap articles of sale have begun to pay well. When Shanghai was opened for trade, delicate inlaid work was to be bought there; one large round table we know of which was bought for 18 silver dollars; similar work bought there now, at four times the price, is very inferior in design and workmanship. So a bronze vessel of exquisite finish, which cost 40 silver dollars in Nagasaki a few years ago, a French bronze worker would not attempt to reproduce for less than 600 francs. The native workmen hear of European prices, and there is every probability that the Japanese founders and engravers who did this wonderful piece of work are now engaged in making the common



EWART'S CHAIN FOR TRANSMITTING POWER.

at the same time be lengthened and shortened at will, and without the use of tools.

To accomplish this, a chain was made of malleable cast iron, formed of a succession of open links, each cast with a round at one end, and a connection at the other; the latter being cast in shape, with a permanent opening for the purpose of detaching, while at the opposite end, one side of the link adjoining the round was notched for the purpose of allowing a side attachment and detachment with the succeeding link as shown in the cut.

The result thus secured is a flat chain, the links of which have a wide support, the consequence being that they are subjected to slight wear, and are almost noiseless in service. The value of this invention will be at once apparent to practical men, but we venture to give below a somewhat hasty suggestion of some of the advantages secured by it.

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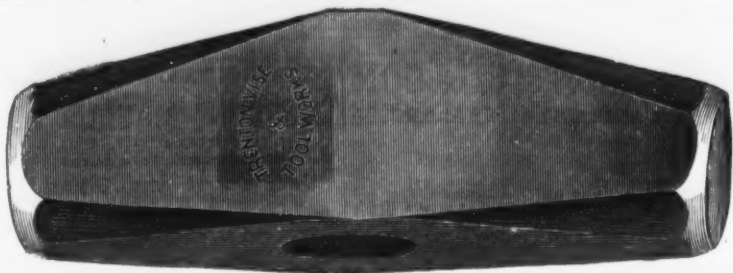
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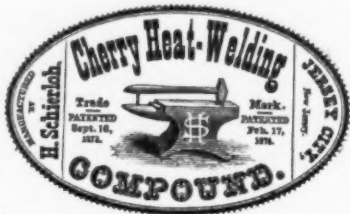
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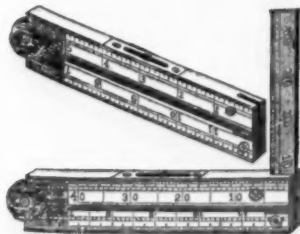
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In 1869, F. F. Adams & Co., of Erie, Pa., commenced the manufacture of wooden articles in a small factory in that city, but their business steadily increasing, it was found necessary in the early part of 1873 to obtain larger facilities to meet the demand for their specialties, and in consequence their present large factory was erected. Their buildings have a frontage on Cherry street of 135 feet, and on the Lake Shore R. R. 100 feet, from which road a side track enables them to receive stock and ship goods without the expense of cartage. Power is derived from a 50 horse engine and boiler, the fuel for which is obtained from a gas well on the premises, and the gas light for the shops is obtained from the same source. The machinery, a large portion of which was invented and designed to meet their special requirements, is of the most approved construction, all the parts being interchangeable and easily replaced in case of accident. A large portion of the lumber used is cut directly from the log, in a saw mill erected on the premises and specially adapted to cutting such stock as is required for the various articles manufactured. They are provided with a large steam kiln, constructed on the Chicago plan, with which 50,000 feet of lumber per week can be thoroughly seasoned; the exhaust steam is used for heating the factory during the cold season, no fire being used upon the premises, except under the boiler. Their principal specialties are washing machines, wringers, extension ladders, step ladders, clothes horses, towel rollers and kindred articles, to which they have lately added hardwood wainscoting. The manufacture of washing machines was commenced by them about five years ago, since which time the "Complete Washer" has become almost as well known as some of the most popular sewing machines, more than 100,000 of them being made and sold during that time. These goods have been sold entirely through canvassing agents, in the same manner as sewing machines; all other goods are sold through the trade. Among their specialties deserving of particular mention is the Lovell lock hinge step ladder, which combines lightness with strength, and is automatic in its operation; these goods are well and favorably known, and are placed on the market at such a low price that their sale has steadily increased each year since their first introduction.

In regard to the new specialty, "hardwood wainscoting," this article has heretofore been made and sold almost exclusively by planing mills to builders' order; the consumer had to cut it to the proper lengths, and smooth by hand (we speak of matched and beaded, not paneled work) losing stock and consuming much time. F. F. Adams & Co. cut it directly from the log in such a way as will show the grain of the wood to the best advantage. After sawing it is thoroughly kiln dried, neatly matched, beaded, smoothed and cut to the proper lengths, when it is packed in bundles of 50 feet each, ready for market. In this way they claim to make a superior article, which saves the purchaser waste and requires only the hand labor necessary to put it up, while the cost is less than formerly.

This business, only a few years in existence, is now fully established. During the trying period of our late financial panic it ran along smoothly, employing its full complement of workmen, and on full time. Beside the specialties named above they have facilities for making straight and irregular turned work of various kinds. Their trade extends to all parts of the United States and Canada, with a growing export demand for European and South American markets.

In their advertisement on another page they illustrate "Lovell's automatic lock hinge step ladders" of which they say "they are the best and cheapest in the world," and to which we invite our readers' attention.

Chain Cable Testing.

Experiments of much importance to the producers and consumers of chain cables and anchors have lately been made in England. Chain makers in the Midland and other districts have for some considerable time felt dissatisfaction at the method employed in testing their chains, and recently a deputation waited upon a committee of Lloyd's and the Board of Trade, to see if the existing regulations could not be modified. The matter having been considered, it was agreed that the chairman of the committee and a number of other gentlemen should visit the chain works in the district, and the testing house of the company, for the purpose of seeing what could be done. On August 7th, Mr. Chapman, chairman of the committee, and several of the directors visited the works of Messrs. Wright & Co., of Tipton, and were there met by a number of local chainmasters. The party having inspected some new machinery for binding the links of special best best cables, and the manufacture of Martin's patent self casting anchors, they visited the proof house at Bloomfield, belonging to Messrs. Lloyds. A best best cable, the manufacture of Messrs. Parks & Ross, was tested, but presented no fracture after being submitted to the full breaking strain required by the Act of Par-

liament. Upon a more severe test being applied a slight flaw occurred, which was considered to be sufficient to cause its rejection. Another test was applied, viz., a strain of 80 per cent. above Admiralty proof, and the consequence was the chain was broken asunder. The same afternoon a private meeting of the committee from Lloyd's, and a number of chain masters, was held at Dudley, when we learn that the discussion as to the grievances of the trade was both long and animated. One or two important matters could not be settled, though several minor questions were determined upon an amicable basis. One question that was not settled was whether the public should be present at the testing of chains or cables; and another was what was to be understood by "breaking strain." It was held by the chairman that the words "breaking strain" meant "proving to destruction," whilst Lloyd's representatives contended it meant the slightest crack perceptible by aid of a magnifying glass. Ultimately it was decided to consider the questions on a future occasion, the date to be fixed in London.

Cast Iron Pavements.

Cast iron street pavements have been introduced into Warsaw (Poland), and the German journals give very favorable accounts of them. The length of the blocks in the direction of the street length is 2 ft.; the length crosswise of the street, 3 ft. 6 in.; the thickness, 3 in.; and weight, about 230 lbs. The width of the cast iron pavements in the streets of Warsaw is 17 ft. 6 in.; hence, five rows of these blocks are required. Before laying the pavement, an even bed of small stone 7 in. thick is prepared, sprinkled and stamped fast, so it is now but 6 in. thick, or less. The surface is made smooth by a thin layer of sand or gravel, the cast blocks laid on side by side, the cracks filled with gravel and made firm by wetting and stamping. A row of paving stones may form the border to the iron pavement. It is kept in order by occasionally putting in some gravel wherever hollows are formed.

The chief advantages of this pavement, as given in the *Deutsche Ind. Zeitung*, are: 1. It is quickly laid. 2. It is pleasant to ride upon. 3. It does not get smooth, either in summer or winter. 4. The profile is not altered, even by the transportation of heavy loads. 5. It is easily thawed out in frosty weather. 6. Small cost of keeping it in repairs. The total first cost of it is about 30 marks per square meter (about 67 cents, gold, per square foot). The blocks used there were cast by F. Haas in Lennep.

[We should feel doubtful of points 3, 4 and 5, while the first cost here would also be an objection.—Ed.]

A California Tree for the Centennial.

—Some time ago we mentioned the fact that Mr. Vivian was preparing a large piece of one of the Tulare county big trees to exhibit at the Centennial next year. The piece of timber selected will be 16 feet long, and 21 feet in diameter at one end, and 19 feet at the other. The heart of this will be taken out, leaving only about one foot of the body of the tree attached to the shell or bark. This outside shell will then be divided into eight equal parts, each of which will weigh 4000 pounds without the bark. It is necessary to divide it into this number of parts in order to allow it to pass through the numerous tunnels between here and Philadelphia. The eight parts will weigh about 30,000 pounds, and will require two cars for their transportation. One solid foot of this tree weighs 72 pounds, being 10 pounds heavier than so much water. This timber was taken out of the Gen. Lee, a tree 275 feet high, and which, had it been sawn into lumber, would have produced a sufficient quantity to have built a very respectable young town or a large ship. It contained more than 300,000 feet of lumber, beside, probably, about 200 cords of wood. The Gen. Grant, a much larger tree than the Gen. Lee, and the largest in the world, growing in the same grove, is left standing, probably for the benefit of the future.—*Vivian (Cal.) Delta*.

An Engine of Destruction.—A terribly destructive shell is one of the inventions described at great length in the foreign scientific journals. In brief, it is a hollow cast-iron cylinder, having a small receptacle turned in its base for half a grain of rifle-bore-grain powder as a bursting charge, contained in a shallow bag. A thin disk of iron screws into the cylinder and covers the bursting charge, having an aperture in the center, through which trains of quick-match are laid, forming instantaneous communication between the charge chamber and the flame from the fuse, upon the ignition of the composition in the latter. The half of the shell nearest the base is considerably stouter in its substance than the upper half, and just admits of six magnesium starlight-bombs being placed upright within it, upon the disk covering the powder chamber, so as to leave a small space in the center of the circle formed by them, exactly over the hole in the disk. The lights are composed of nitrate of baryta, chloride of potash, magnesium powder, and boiled oil, and are contained in paper cylinders having a small quantity of damp powder at either end; to insure ignition they are surrounded with lands of quick-match. They are calculated to burn for 14 seconds. The upper half of the shell has seven signal starlights within it, placed upright upon those below; their ingredients are nitre, sulphur, orpiment and magnesium powder slightly coated with paraffine.

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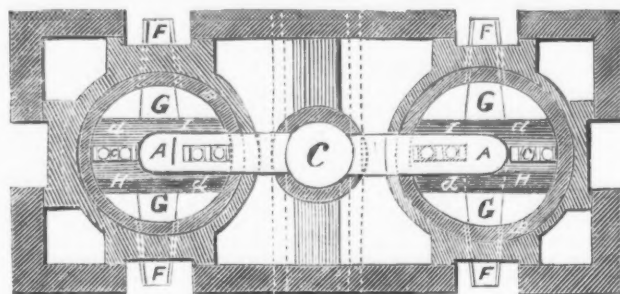
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New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent Office
in Washington the following specifications of
certain patents lately issued, which will be
found interesting:

IMPROVEMENTS IN CALCINING KILNS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 166,150, dated July 27, 1875, issued to Wm.
J. Taylor, of High Bridge, N. J.This improved kiln for roasting ores is more
especially adapted for treating magnetic oxides
of iron (FeOFe_2O_3) for the purpose of oxidiz-
ing whatever sulphur they may contain into
sulphurous acid gas (SO_2) and also oxidizing
the protoxide (FeO) into sesquioxide (Fe_2O_3) as
far as possible.In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1
represents a horizontal section of a double kiln
embracing this invention, the air-downtakes
and the combustion chambers being shown in
plan, and Fig. 2 a vertical cross section of one
of the kilns.In the construction of this kiln, for conveni-
ence and economy, they are built in pairs, in-
closed in rough stone masonry, and preferably
of rectangular form, well bound together with
either wooden or iron binders. This double
form is of special advantage by reason of its
cheapness of construction, and in connection
therewith the air-downtake A for each kiln
B is supplied from an intermediate flue or
uptake, C, within and forming part of the wall

IMPROVED CALCINING KILNS.—Fig. 1.

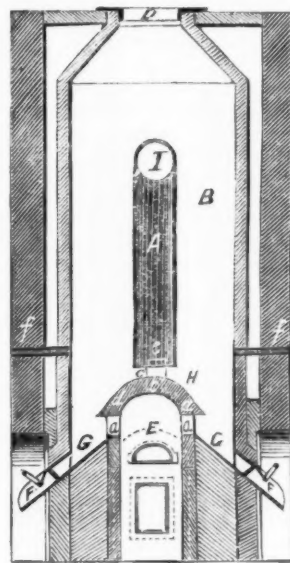
which divides the two kilns, and by which
the air is supplied to both kilns alike and
at the same temperature, as the walls form-
ing such air-uptake or supply flue C are
contiguous to the walls of the kilns and are
thereby heated by the radiation from the double
kilns. The kiln, however, may be built in single
form. In such case, the air-uptake or sup-
ply-flue C may be built in one of the side walls,
or arranged outside thereof, as may be deemed
best. The chamber or chambers B, for holding
the ores to be desulphurized, are built of fire
brick or any suitable material, with double
walls, so as to leave intervening spaces, which
are packed with loam or any other suitable ma-
terial. The kilns are provided with charging
openings D at the top. At the base of the ore
chamber is constructed the fire or combustion
chamber E, with the necessary doors, grates
and fixtures. Proper chutes, F, connect, by in-
cluded bottoms G, with the outside walls of the
combustion chamber, through which to draw
off the roasted ore. The combustion chamber
E, is located centrally in the kiln, and its crown
or arch H forms the dividing ridge between the
opposite chutes F, which are provided with
suitable closing or stop doors. The combus-
tion chamber E is provided with a series of
openings, a, on each side, just above the in-
clines G, for the chutes, through which the
flame and gases escape into the ore chamber.In addition to these, similar openings b
are made in the crown or arch, H, of said chamber,
to allow the flame and gases to escape there-
from at this point, whereby a more uniform
spread of the heat from the combustion cham-
ber throughout the base of the ore chamber is
obtained. These upper openings b are guarded
by arched shields c, and the side openings a,
are protected by ledges or projecting eaves d,
which form continuations of the crown arch H,
and thereby prevent the ore from running into
the combustion chamber at all these flame open-
ings. Combined with this centrally arranged
fire and combustion chamber E is a centrally
arranged air-downtake or supply pipe, A, in
such a manner that the outlet e thereof is in
near contiguity with the top surface of the
crown or arch H of such fire chamber, leaving
only sufficient space between the two for the
free outlet of the air which flows down said
pipe. This pipe A, to perform its functions
properly, and to conform to the dimensions of
the kiln, should be about one-third of a square
inch to about one cubic foot of the cubical
contents of the kiln. This downtake A occu-
pies the center of the kiln, and is maintained in
such position by any suitable means. Its upper
end is not open to the air, but is joined to a
lateral branch, I, which, extending through the
wall of the kiln, forms a junction with an up-
take, C, which extends down to the base of the
kiln and must open into the outer air at a much
lower level than the downtake, in order there-
by that the air current will be maintained
within, and through, said conduit and into
the kiln when it rises through the ore. As
stated, this uptake C can be either within
the wall of a single kiln or outside thereof,
and in a double kiln its position is between
the kilns, and forms a part of the walls which
separate them. In the combination of this
element with a double kiln the uptake C
should be of double the area of the downtakes
A. In practice the junction of the uptake
C with the downtake A should be at a point
about one-third the distance from the top of
the kiln; but this is immaterial and may be
varied.The down take or takes A being surrounded
by the heated ore are thereby heated, and
the air is, of course, also heated before it
enters the ore chambers, and, in this respect,
takes no heat directly from the combustion
chamber.The hot air is delivered directly upon the
crown or arch H of the combustion chamber,
and is thereby deflected or turned aside from
the central issue into the ore, and, meeting
the flame and gases rising from the openings
into the combustion chamber, unites there-
with, and rises through the mass of ore. The
central location of this downtake A also pre-
vents the heat taking an accumulating course
in the center of the kiln, and thereby renders
the heat more uniform, and places it under ab-
solute control.The quantity of inflowing air is regulated
by dampers placed in the lateral branch or
branches I connecting the downtake or takes,
and these are governed by damper rods ex-
tending through the kiln wall or walls. The
flow of air to support combustion in the fire
chamber is admitted through a suitable regis-
ter in the door of the ash pit.A series of sight holes, f, two or three inches
in diameter, are inserted through the walls, in
order that the state of the heat of the ore in
the kiln may be ascertained at any time, and
the combustion in the fire chamber regulated
accordingly.If desirable to obtain the greatest economy
and rapidity of working, enough fuel may be
mixed with the ore when it is charged into
the kiln to heat it to the proper temperature,
and use the heat of the combustion chamber
only to maintain that temperature during the
balance of the time occupied in oxidation.The ore should be broken into quite small
pieces, and the very fine ore separated from it;
otherwise it would take too long for oxidation
to penetrate each piece, and the fine ore, if
used, might clog the kiln. It will also be
found desirable to draw the ore from the kiln
as hot as possible, and cool it with a stream of
water.The rapid cooling of the surface of each
piece has a tendency to burst the ore and make
it still more porous. At the same time the
water will assist to further oxidize the ore, and
also to remove any sulphur that may remain by
forming sulphureted hydrogen.This kiln is adapted for the roasting of all
ores, whether they be sulphurets, carbonates,
or hydrates; for, although an oxidizing atmos-
phere is not necessary for the latter, yet the
carbonic acid (CO_2) and water (H_2O) can be
more readily and cheaply expelled by this kiln
than any other known to me.Claim.—1. The combination with an ore
roasting kiln, of an air downtake, A, depending
centrally within the kiln chamber, whereby the

Fig. 2.

heated air will be diffused and discharged
therefrom at a point above the combustion
chamber.2. The combination, in an ore roasting kiln,
of a centrally located air downtake, A, with a
centrally located fire and combustion chamber,
E, beneath said downtake and separated from
it, whereby the air is delivered at a point cen-
trally upon the crown or arch of the combus-
tion chamber, and diffused or turned aside
uniformly into the ore chamber.3. The combination, in an ore roasting kiln,
of a centrally located downtake, A, with a
centrally located fire and combustion chamber,
E, provided with lateral and top flame and gas
openings a b, whereby the upward issuing
flames of combustion are brought into imme-
diate contact with the inflowing currents of
heated air from the downtake, to more equally
distribute both the heat and the air.4. The air downtake A, depending cen-
trally from near the top of the kiln, and
combined with the uptake C, joining the
upper end of the downtake by the branch
I, and extending down outside of the kiln,
whereby the cold air entering at the top is
caused to descend through the entire length of
the central hot pipe.5. The combination of two kilns B B for
roasting ores with an air downtake, A, cen-
trally located in each, supplied by a single uptake,
C, built in the dividing wall of said kilns.6. The combination, in a twin kiln for roast-
ing ores, having centrally located air down-
takes depending in each from or near the top,
of the intermediate uptake C, having greater
length and double the area of the combined
downtakes.7. The combination, in a twin kiln for roast-
ing ores, of the centrally located fire and com-
bustion chambers E in each, the centrally lo-
cated air-downtake A therein, and the interme-
diate air-uptake C, having the relation to each
other and co-operating to produce the results
herein stated.

IMPROVEMENT IN CONVERTING OLD IRON INTO STEEL.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 163,080, dated May 11, 1875, issued to Alex-
andre Jullien, of Paris, France.This invention relates to certain improve-
ments in the manufacture of steel from cast
iron and wrought iron, combined with a per-
centage of ferro-manganese, the object being
to utilize the old and comparatively worthless
wrought iron in the market for the manufacture
of steel.It consists of a compound formed by melting
in a Siemens-Martin or other suitable furnace,
1000 parts of cast iron, selecting that which
contains less than one-thousandth part of phos-
phorus, and adding from time to time suitable
quantities of wrought iron in the shape of old
nails, axles, and the like, the whole quantity
varying from 2500 to 3500 parts, according to
the amount of carbon present in the cast iron.
After the mass has all been reduced to a molten
state, 65 parts, or thereabout, of ferro-man-
ganese, containing about 60 per cent. of man-
ganese, are added in fragments from time to
time to the mass, and melted therewith. The
materials must be quickly mixed during this
process until the whole are thoroughly melted
and combined, after which the compound may
be run off into molds and formed into ingots.In carrying out the invention, the following
proportions have been found to answer well,
although they may be considerably varied,
according to the percentage of carbon in the
cast iron. White cast iron, 1000 kilograms;
old wrought iron, such as old English rails, for
instance, 2600 kilograms; ferro-manganese,
containing 55 per cent. of manganese, 65 kilo-
grams.These materials are melted, as above de-
scribed, and when completely combined are
run into molds, and the alloy allowed to cool
for use.Claim.—The compound or alloy, consisting
of wrought iron, cast iron and ferro-manganese,
combined in or about the proportions herein set
forth.Iron Making in the Central Presi-
dency, India.Mr. Walter Ness, who, it will be remem-
bered, went out some time ago on behalf of the
British government to superintend the develop-
ment of the Worrora coal field in India, has
sent a communication, dated Worrora Colli-
ery, Central Presidency, June 29th, to the
South Staffordshire Mill and Forge Managers'
Association. He says he has now in hand the
question as to whether the coal, and ironstone
and iron ores of India can be profitably utilized.
Ere this he expected to be ready to have made
his tests on a practical scale, but he says: "I
have such awkward hands to deal with that I
am six or eight weeks short of that." When,
however, he has got into what he terms real
iron, he promises to send the association a copy
of his notes. Mr. Ness, who is not only a min-
ing engineer, but also a metallurgical chemist,
has had enough experience in the making of
iron commercially to depend too much upon
any results he may obtain in his laboratory;
but he is not without encouragement that his
commercial tests may be all that he would de-
sire, seeing that his scientific experiments have
been cheering. Mr. Ness has made many tests
on a laboratory scale, and these convince him
that it is only a matter of adjustment in parts
to get a result that will be a commercial suc-
cess. The readers of *The Engineer* will not be
surprised to hear that Mr. Ness does not expect
to be able to do without the aid of machinery
in the puddling of iron in India. Upon this
subject he says: "I need not tell you that with
weak native labor, and a climate such as this,
hand puddling will not suit, neither do I think
it will be necessary; but I cannot say more just
now." Mr. Ness is not the man to be daunted
by trifles, and we think that if it is possible for
iron to be made from native ores and with
native fuel, in such a climate, and with the aid
of the labor which the district provides, Mr.
Ness will accomplish it. The government of
Great Britain may look forward to considerable
saving in those items of their expenditure
which now relate to coal and iron required in
certain portions of our Indian Empire. The
time of such economy has not, however, yet
arrived; and British iron masters have not,
therefore, much cause to fear any conspicuous
falling off at an early day of their trade with
British India.—*The Engineer*.An Assayer's Paradise.—The *Mining
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lowing: Boulder county is the assayer's para-
dise. Not only can the diligent chemist find
ores in plenty upon which to test his skill, but
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tire county that would not consider itself a dis-
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rock and pebbles from the plains to the range,
are capable of soaring up to five or ten thou-
sand, without boasting in the least of the feat.
And even if an unfortunate piece of granite
finds itself lying around loose without a chunk
of native silver or virgin gold, or a seam of
ruby or glance attached, it never is happy un-
til it has squared things by forming a close ac-
quaintance with a piece of tellurium or bismuth,
or some other wonderful and rare element. We
reflect, with envy, how frequently the native
assayer, there, must be forced to gather up his
big assay buttons, melt them into a gold and
silver brick, express them to Denver in his
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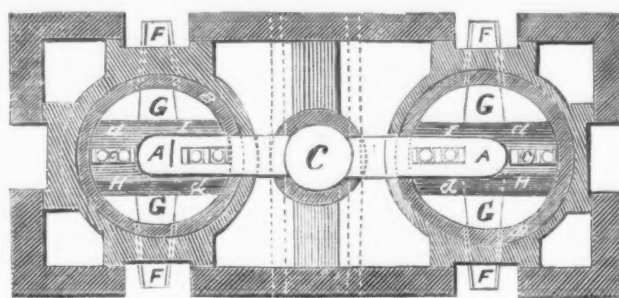
We take from the records of the Patent Office
in Washington the following specifications of
certain patents lately issued, which will be
found interesting:

IMPROVEMENTS IN CALCINING KILNS.
Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 166,159, dated July 27, 1875, issued to Wm.
J. Taylor, of High Bridge, N. J.

This improved kiln for roasting ores is more
especially adapted for treating magnetic oxides
of iron (FeOFe₂O₃) for the purpose of oxidiz-
ing whatever sulphur they may contain into
sulphurous acid gas (SO₂) and also oxidizing
the protoxide (FeO) into sesquioxide (Fe₂O₃) as
far as possible.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1
represents a horizontal section of a double kiln
embracing this invention, the air-downtakes
and the combustion chambers being shown in
plan, and Fig. 2 a vertical cross section of one
of the kilns.

In the construction of this kiln, for conveni-
ence and economy, they are built in pairs, in-
closed in rough stone masonry, and preferably
of rectangular form, well bound together with
either wooden or iron binders. This double
form is of special advantage by reason of its
cheapness of construction, and in connection
therewith the air-downtake A for each kiln
B is supplied from an intermediate flue or
uptake, C, within and forming part of the wall



IMPROVED CALCINING KILNS.—Fig. 1.

which divides the two kilns, and by which
the air is supplied to both kilns alike and
at the same temperature, as the walls form-
ing such air-uptake or supply flue C are
contiguous to the walls of the kilns and are
thereby heated by the radiation from the double
kilns. The kiln, however, may be built in sin-
gle form. In such case, the air-uptake or sup-
ply-flue C may be built in one of the side walls,
or arranged outside thereof, as may be deemed
best. The chamber or chambers B, for holding
the ores to be desulphurized, are built of fire
brick or any suitable material, with double
walls, so as to leave intervening spaces, which
are packed with loam or any other suitable ma-
terial. The kilns are provided with charging
openings D at the top. At the base of the ore
chamber is constructed the fire or combustion
chamber E, with the necessary doors, grates
and fixtures. Proper chutes, F, connect, by in-
clined bottoms G, with the outside walls of the
combustion chamber, through which to draw
off the roasted ore. The combustion chamber
E, is located centrally in the kiln, and its crown
or arch H forms the dividing ridge between the
opposite chutes F, which are provided with
suitable closing or stop doors. The combus-
tion chamber E is provided with a series of
openings, a, on each side, just above the in-
clines G, for the chutes, through which the
flame and gases escape into the ore chamber.

In addition to these, similar openings b are
made in the crown or arch, H, of said chamber,
to allow the flame and gases to escape there-
from at this point, whereby a more uniform
spread of the heat from the combustion cham-
ber throughout the base of the ore chamber is
obtained. These upper openings b are guarded
by arched shields c, and the side openings a,
which form continuations of the crown arch H,
and thereby prevent the ore from running into
the combustion chamber at all these flame open-
ings. Combined with this centrally arranged
fire and combustion chamber E is a centrally
arranged air-downtake or supply pipe, A, in
such a manner that the outlet e thereof is in
near contiguity with the top surface of the
crown or arch H of such fire chamber, leaving
only sufficient space between the two for the
free outlet of the air which flows down said
pipe. This pipe A, to perform its functions
properly, and to conform to the dimensions of
the kiln, should be about one-third of a square
inch to about one cubic foot of the cubical
contents of the kiln. This downtake A occu-
pies the center of the kiln, and is maintained in
such position by any suitable means. Its upper
end is not open to the air, but is joined to a
lateral branch, I, which, extending through the
wall of the kiln, forms a junction with an up-
take, C, which extends down to the base of the
kiln and must open into the outer air at a much
lower level than the downtake, in order there-
by that the air current will be maintained
within, and through, said conduit and into
the kiln when it rises through the ore. As
stated, this uptake C can be either within
the wall of a single kiln or outside thereof,
and in a double kiln its position is between
the kilns, and forms a part of the walls which
separate them. In the combination of this
element with a double kiln the uptake C
should be of double the area of the downtakes
A. In practice the junction of the uptake C
with the downtake A should be at a point
about one-third the distance from the top of
the kiln; but this is immaterial and may be
varied.

The down take or takes A being surrounded
by the heated ore are thereby heated, and the
air is, of course, also heated before it
enters the ore chambers, and, in this respect,
takes no heat directly from the combustion
chamber.

The hot air is delivered directly upon the
crown or arch H of the combustion chamber,
and is thereby deflected or turned aside from
the central issue into the ore, and, meeting
the flame and gases rising from the openings
into the combustion chamber, unites there-
with, and rises through the mass of ore. The
central location of this downtake A also pre-
vents the heat taking an accumulating course
in the center of the kiln, and thereby renders
the heat more uniform, and places it under ab-
solute control.

The quantity of inflowing air is regulated
by dampers placed in the lateral branch or
branches I connecting the downtake or takes,
and these are governed by damper rods ex-
tending through the kiln wall or walls. The
flow of air to support combustion in the fire
chamber is admitted through a suitable regis-
ter in the door of the ash pit.

A series of sight holes, f, two or three inches
in diameter, are inserted through the walls, in
order that the state of the heat of the ore in
the kiln may be ascertained at any time, and
the combustion in the fire chamber regulated
accordingly.

If desirable to obtain the greatest economy
and rapidity of working, enough fuel may be
mixed with the ore when it is charged into
the kiln to heat it to the proper temperature,
and use the heat of the combustion chamber
only to maintain that temperature during the
balance of the time occupied in oxidation.

The ore should be broken into quite small
pieces, and the very fine ore separated from it;
otherwise it would take too long for oxidation
to penetrate each piece, and the fine ore, if
used, might clog the kiln. It will also be
found desirable to draw the ore from the kiln
as hot as possible, and cool it with a stream of
water.

The rapid cooling of the surface of each
piece has a tendency to burst the ore and make
it still more porous. At the same time the
water will assist to further oxidize the ore, and
also to remove any sulphur that may remain by
forming sulphureted hydrogen.

This kiln is adapted for the roasting of all
ores, whether they be sulphurets, carbonates,
or hydrates; for, although an oxidizing atmos-
phere is not necessary for the latter, yet the
carbonic acid (CO₂) and water (H₂O) can be
more readily and cheaply expelled by this kiln
than any other known to me.

Claim.—1. The combination with an ore
roasting kiln, of an air downtake, A, depending
centrally within the kiln chamber, whereby the

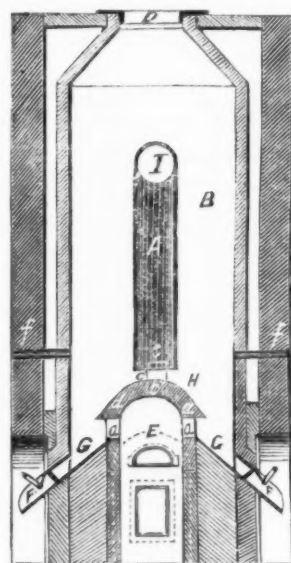


Fig. 2.

heated air will be diffused and discharged
therefrom at a point above the combustion
chamber.

2. The combination, in an ore roasting kiln,
of a centrally located fire and combustion cham-
ber, E, beneath said downtake and separated from
it, whereby the air is delivered at a point cen-
trally upon the crown or arch of the combus-
tion chamber, and diffused or turned aside
uniformly into the ore chamber.

3. The combination, in an ore roasting kiln,
of a centrally located downtake, A, with a
centrally located fire and combustion chamber,
E, provided with lateral and top flame and gas
openings a b, whereby the upward issuing
flames of combustion are brought into imme-
diate contact with the inflowing currents of
heated air from the downtake, to more equally
distribute both the heat and the air.

4. The air downtake A, depending cen-
trally from near the top of the kiln, and
combined with the uptake C, joining the
upper end of the downtake by the branch
I, and extending down outside of the kiln,
whereby the cold air entering at the top is
caused to descend through the entire length of
the central hot pipe.

5. The combination of two kilns B B' for
roasting ores with an air downtake, A, cen-
trally located in each, supplied by a single uptake,
C, built in the dividing wall of said kilns.

6. The combination, in a twin kiln for roast-
ing ores, having centrally located air down-
takes depending in each from or near the top,
of the intermediate uptake C, having greater
length and double the area of the combined
downtakes.

7. The combination, in a twin kiln for roast-
ing ores, of the centrally located fire and com-
bustion chambers E in each, the centrally lo-
cated air-downtake A therein, and the interme-
diate air-uptake C, having the relation to each
other and co-operating to produce the results
herein stated.

IMPROVEMENT IN CONVERTING OLD IRON INTO STEEL.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 163,080, dated May 11, 1875, issued to Alex-
andre Jullien, of Paris, France.

This invention relates to certain improve-
ments in the manufacture of steel from cast
iron and wrought iron, combined with a per-
centage of ferro-manganese, the object being
to utilize the old and comparatively worthless
wrought iron in the market for the manufacture
of steel.

It consists of a compound formed by melting
in a Siemens-Martin or other suitable furnace,
1000 parts of cast iron, selecting that which
contains less than one-thousandth part of phos-
phorus, and adding from time to time suitable
quantities of wrought iron in the shape of old
nails, axes, and the like, the whole quantity
varying from 2500 to 3500 parts, according to
the amount of carbon present in the cast iron.
After the mass has all been reduced to a molten
state, 65 parts, or thereabout, of ferro-man-
ganese, containing about 60 per cent. of man-
ganese, are added in fragments from time to
time to the mass, and melted therewith. The
materials must be quickly mixed during this
process until the whole are thoroughly melted
and combined, after which the compound may
be run off into molds and formed into ingots.

In carrying out the invention, the following
proportions have been found to answer well,
although they may be considerably varied,
according to the percentage of carbon in the
cast iron. White cast iron, 1000 kilograms;
old wrought iron, such as old English rails, for
instance, 2600 kilograms; ferro-manganese,
containing 55 per cent. of manganese, 65 kilo-
grams.

These materials are melted, as above de-
scribed, and when completely combined are
run into molds, and the alloy allowed to cool
for use.

Claim.—The compound or alloy, consisting
of wrought iron, cast iron and ferro-manganese,
combined in or about the proportions herein set
forth.

**Iron Making in the Central Presi-
dency, India.**

Mr. Walter Ness, who, it will be remem-
bered, went out some time ago on behalf of the
British government to superintend the develop-
ment of the Worrora coal field in India, has
sent a communication, dated Worrora Colli-
ery, Central Presidency, June 29th, to the
South Staffordshire Mill and Forge Managers'
Association. He says he has now in hand the
question as to whether the coal, and ironstone
and iron ores of India can be profitably utilized.
Ere this he expected to be ready to have made
his tests on a practical scale, but he says: "I
have such awkward hands to deal with that I
am six or eight weeks short of that." When,
however, he has got into what he terms real
iron, he promises to send the association a copy
of his notes. Mr. Ness, who is not only a min-
ing engineer, but also a metallurgical chemist,
has had enough experience in the making of
iron commercially to depend too much upon
any results he may obtain in his laboratory;
but he is not without encouragement that his
commercial tests may be all that he would de-
sire, seeing that his scientific experiments have
been cheering. Mr. Ness has made many tests
on a laboratory scale, and these convince him
that it is only a matter of adjustment in parts
to get a result that will be a commercial suc-
cess. The readers of *The Engineer* will not be
surprised to hear that Mr. Ness does not expect
to be able to do without the aid of machinery
in the puddling of iron in India. Upon this
subject he says: "I need not tell you that with
weak native labor, and a climate such as this,
hand puddling will not suit, neither do I think
it will be necessary; but I cannot say more just
now." Mr. Ness is not the man to be daunted
by trifles, and we think that if it is possible for
iron to be made from native ores and with
native fuel, in such a climate, and with the aid
of the labor which the district provides, Mr.
Ness will accomplish it. The government of
Great Britain may look forward to considerable
saving in those items of their expenditure
which now relate to coal and iron required in
certain portions of our Indian Empire. The
time of such economy has not, however, yet
arrived; and British iron masters have not,
therefore, much cause to fear any conspicuous
falling off at an early day of their trade with
British India.—*The Engineer*.

An Assayer's Paradise.—The *Mining*
Review, of Georgetown, Colorado, has the fol-
lowing: Boulder county is the assayer's para-
dise. Not only can the diligent chemist find
ores in plenty upon which to test his skill, but
we doubt if there is a piece of rock in the en-
tire county that would not consider itself a dis-
grace to its paternity if it did not go at least
1000 ounces, while the vast majority of bed-
rock and pebbles from the plains to the range
are capable of soaring up to five or ten thou-
sand, without boasting in the least of the feat.
And even if an unfortunate piece of granite
finds itself lying around loose without a chunk
of native silver or virgin gold, or a seam of
ruby or garnet attached, it never is happy un-
til it has squared things by forming a close ac-
quaintance with a piece of tellurium or bismuth,
or some other wonderful and rare element. We
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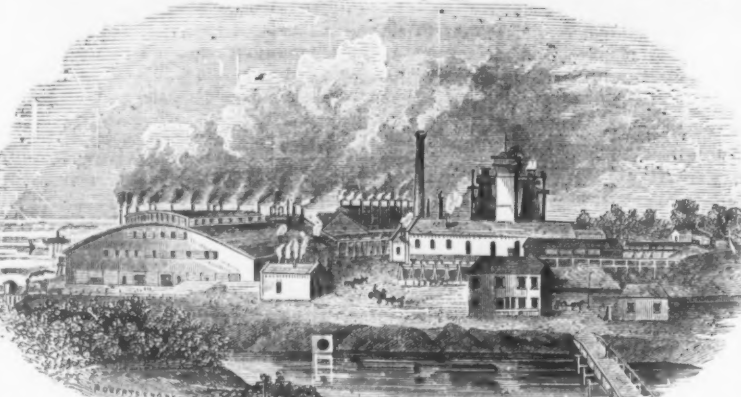
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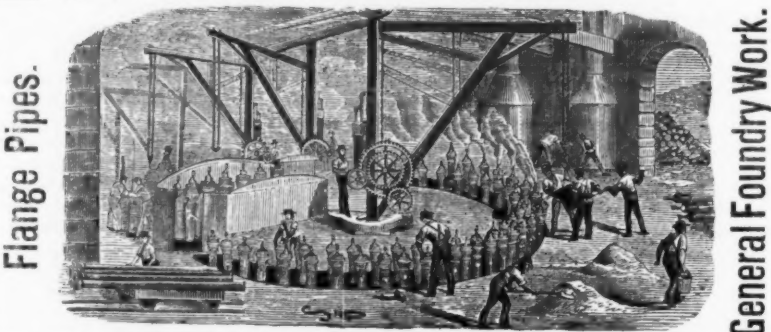
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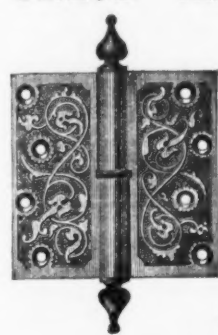
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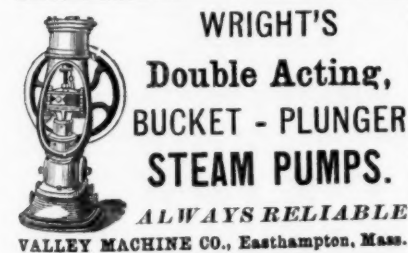
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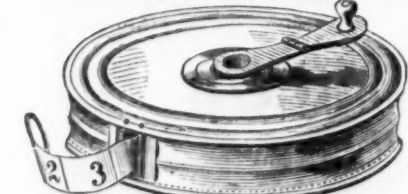
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A writer in the Boston *Commercial Gossip* about Pittsburgh as follows:

On the 24th day of November, 1753, 122 years ago, George Washington, a young Virginian surveyor of 21, landed from his canoe upon the point of land formed by the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, where the city of Pittsburgh now stands, and was probably the first white man who ever set foot upon the spot.

A year or two later the French, who claimed all that portion of the country, becoming alarmed at the evident design of the English to take possession, erected a powerful fort upon the spot, which they named Duquesne. This was the gathering point of the French and Indian forces at the beginning of that long and merciless war in which the soil of Pennsylvania was drenched with the blood not only of her soldiers, but of innocent women and children. Braddock's defeat, the details of which are familiar to every school boy, took place in the immediate vicinity, and just outside the walls of the fort, on the evening of that eventful day, 12 British soldiers, who had been taken prisoners, were burnt alive under the very eyes of the French commandant. Thrice during the two succeeding years was the fort besieged and the assailants driven back. The English and Provincials were determined upon driving the French from the country, however, and so stubbornly and persistently did they push their endeavors that the fourth attack resulted in their favor. The French set fire to the fort and fled. The place was fortified in turn by the English, and named Fort Pitt, in honor of the celebrated English statesman. Hardly were the works completed before they were attacked by a large force of French and Indians. The English were too firmly entrenched, however, and though the attempt was several times repeated during the next two or three years, it failed on each occasion. The ending of the war found the British still in possession. The grasp of the French on the northern part of the continent had been shaken off forever, and there was no longer any necessity of retaining a large armed force within the fort. Shortly before the close of the strife a stone redoubt was erected by Col. Bouquet, the commandant, which substantial British relic still stands in good condition between Penn street and Duquesne Way. The visitor will recognize it by a tablet let in over the door with the date "1764" inscribed upon it.

No sooner was this trouble ended than a new one began. Virginia and Pennsylvania, whose troops had fought shoulder to shoulder against the French, now quarreled for possession, the former State claiming that region of the country under a charter granted by Charles I, and the latter under the same authority granted by James. A body of Virginia troops seized the fort and garrisoned it, and there seemed every prospect of an outbreak of hostilities between the two governments. Happily cooler counsels prevailed. A commission from the two States met at Baltimore and the matter was after long consideration amicably arranged. In 1764 no houses had been built outside the fort. In that year several streets were laid out, and settlers began to straggle in.

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With remarkable sagacity and foresight these early pioneers of civilization, who at the head waters of the Ohio sought to plant their homes and assist in establishing on a sure basis the Republic, just sprung into being, that it might become an asylum for the oppressed who had come hither to escape the old despots of Europe, made sure work in securing to themselves the comforts they enjoyed at home, before even erecting a schoolhouse or a church, by building distilleries. In the same year of Lee's visit, 1784, two of these pioneers brought a copper still from Philadelphia and set it up with the same pious care that they might have exercised in erecting an altar, and they earnestly, and no doubt, prayerfully, looked forward in anticipation of the fruits of their great enterprise. In 1786 the first church—Presbyterian—was built, and in 1787 an academy was established. These latter needed the fostering care of the State, but distilleries without such assistance, conducted simply by individual enterprise, multiplied rapidly, and became a power in the land.

In the annals of whiskey the region round about Pittsburgh is classic ground. The broad river which on one side embraces it, and along whose banks waved great fields of rye, has given a name to rye whiskey which has become familiar as a household word to the frequenters of every bar-room from Montreal to Texas. Drop into any place of the kind and you will find that wherever any indications of mercantile ability are exhibited, posted up alongside the sparkling decanters, cut glass bowls of white sugar and lemons, boxes of cigars, vases of peppermint, and mirrors adorned with asparagus tops, is a card emblazoned with the thirst-suggesting inscription—"Pure Old Monongahela Rye Whiskey." It was the attempt to tax this staple that led to the famous whiskey insurrection in 1792, to suppress which cost the government nearly \$1,000,000. The history of that popular rising has already appeared in the *Bulletin*, and its repetition is unnecessary.

If the traveler should approach Pittsburgh by night he would be forcibly reminded, if he had ever heard it, of James Parton's profane but suggestive simile, that the appearance of the city after dark was like "hell with the lid taken off." The entire landscape seems ablaze whichever way he may turn. These are not the forges, but what are called "coke ovens," in which coal is transformed from its primitive condition into coke. From 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 of bushels of this article are produced in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh, one-half of which goes to feed the fiery furnaces of the city itself.

As a manufacturing center, Pittsburgh is made up of two cities and eleven boroughs, covering an area of 35 square miles, and having a popu-

lation of over 260,000. Its peculiar situation gives it access to over 12,000 miles of river navigation, affording carrying facilities of immense value. The two great rivers which inclose it are crossed by nine bridges, mostly of iron, over which the stream of traffic and travel constantly pours. The river shipping is as wonderful in its way as that of New Orleans, and it is claimed that the tonnage exceeds that of New York city. Some of the statistics furnished by official reports seem almost too incredible for belief. We are told that the city has 30 miles of factories in daily operation, twisted up into a compact tangle, all belching forth smoke, all glaring with fire, all swarming with workmen, all echoing with the clank of machinery. Actual measurement shows that there are within the limits of what the country calls Pittsburgh nearly 35 miles of manufactories of iron, of steel, of cotton and of brass alone, not mentioning manufactories of other materials, and including none of a less grade than chains in iron and plows in wood. Thus, in a distance of 35 miles of streets there are 475 manufactories of iron, steel, cotton, oil, glass, brass, copper and wood, occupying less than 400 feet each, for these factories are so contiguous on the various streets of the city that if placed in a contiguous row they would reach 35 miles, and each establishment have less than the average front stated. The glass factories are over 70 in number, every quality of the article being manufactured, from the finest and most costly to the cheapest kind of bottle and window glass. The annual aggregate value of the production of these factories is estimated at over \$7,000,000, or half the total value of all the glass made in the country. The entire extent of the manufactures of the city would require the use of more figures than we have at present room for, but it may be said that in 1874 over \$10,000,000 worth of iron, \$4,000,000 of steel and \$3,000,000 of glass were produced by 41 of the leading firms in Pittsburgh in those three trades only.

Some of the iron and steel works are small towns in themselves. One of them covers an area of 30 acres, and contains 44 puddling furnaces, 2 blast furnaces, 22 heating furnaces, hot and cold rolling mills, iron and brass foundries, a nail mill, pattern and machine shops. Near by the owners of these works have erected 130 two-story brick houses which are tenanted by their workmen, while at their coal mines a collection of dwellings still larger, built for the use of their miners.

Until within the past eight or ten years English steel has been regarded as much superior to that of American manufacture, but to day as good an article, either cut or rolled, is turned out of the Pittsburgh shops as has ever been imported. American steel is fast supplanting the English on the European continent, and even the organ of the British manufacturers, the London *Ironmonger*, was moved a year or two since to say: "American bolts and hinges are said to excel ours, and medium American cutlery of all kinds to be cheaper and better than any manufactured, whether here or in other countries."

As a matter of course, Pittsburgh is one of the richest cities of the Union. Its banking capital is much larger than that of any other city of like size, and the only bank—the Bank of Pittsburgh—that has never suspended specie payment, is located here. We find it stated that this institution paid \$1,300,000 of its liabilities in gold when it might have followed the example of other banks and paid in currency. This fact, if no other, ought to make Pittsburgh famous.

Crossing over into Allegheny City the visitor finds himself in a pleasant atmosphere and with less noisy surroundings, though he by no means escapes the din of hammers and machinery which seems to form an atmosphere of sound about and around the smoky city and its suburbs. Many of the wealthier manufacturers, whose business is carried on in the city proper, have their residences on this side the Allegheny, and very tasteful and beautiful some of them are. The city contains nearly 75,000 inhabitants, and has 80 miles of paved streets, as well kept—the Alleghenians say better kept—than those of Boston. Several tasteful fountains are scattered through the municipality, and there are two or three public statues and monuments, the most notable of the latter being that erected to the memory of the soldiers from Allegheny county who fell during the war of the rebellion. This occupies the most elevated spot in the city—the summit of Senary Hill, and overlooks the beautiful park which was laid out three or four years ago by the city government. From this hill, if a favorable time is chosen, an excellent view is had of the manufacturing portion of Pittsburgh.

The best view, however, is obtained from Coal Hill, across the Monongahela. The summit of this swart and precipitous elevation is reached by an inclined railway, a rather ticklish method of conveyance to the timid sight-seer, who grips the side of the car all the way up, tormented by the continual fear that something will give way. No accident has ever been known to happen, however, and if he goes early enough, before the heavy blanket of smoke and coal dust settles down over the roofs and streets, he will be amply repaid by the view for all the trouble and time he has taken in the expedition. Standing here he can look down almost into the very mouths of the huge chimneys below, from which rise continually volumes of black smoke. Their number seems without end. He can see the course of both the great rivers as they gradually approach each other to mingle their waters in one. Within the vast triangle formed by the confluence, and on the opposite sides of the two rivers, he sees the rugged hills, honey-combed with "ovens" and filled with mineral treasures whose development has hardly begun. On the opposite Monongahela shore he can note the countless steamers and barges along the levee, and the multitude that are forever playing up stream and down;

the bridges that span the twin streams are alive with traffic; while the heavy thud! thud! of the thousands of ponderous hammers seems to make the very hills pulsate.

One of the drawbacks to a residence in Pittsburgh is "that smoke!" Nobody can conceive its thickness or the amount of soot and dust deposited by it without personal experience. No one ever sees a lady dressed in white in the streets of that city. When she goes to the opera or a ball or to any female dress parade, she wraps herself up like a mummy, and goes in a coach almost hermetically sealed, so that the purity of her garments may be preserved. If a gentleman pays a visit or goes to a party, he carefully ties a pocket handkerchief about his neck, puts another like a bib, and carries his white kids in his pocket until safely within doors, and out of the reach of this floating and palpable blackness. The stranger who calls for a shave at a Pittsburgh barber not only has his "haird taken off," but he is surprised to find that the operator, in addition to the soaping and scraping which are generally supposed to constitute a shave, carefully and artistically washes his face, neck and ears.

Many of the stories told about Pittsburgh smoke may seem like exaggeration, but take the statement made by the Board of Trade in one of their circulars: "About 20 per cent, or one-fifth, of all the coal used in the factories and dwellings of the city escapes into the air in the form of smoke, being the finer and lighter particles of carbon contained in the coal, which, set free by fire, escapes unconsumed with the gases." Now, according to official figures, from 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 of bushels of coal are annually used in the city, and, as a consequence, if we are to rely upon the figures of the Board of Trade, 6,000,000 bushels of this amount "escapes unconsumed," in the form of smoke and coal dust, to finally settle back again upon the surface. It would be too curious and complicated a calculation to ascertain how much of this falls to a square foot. No doubt some statistician has done it, however, and some of our readers may be wiser in this respect than we.

Pittsburghers hold, and it must be acknowledged that their theory has a respectable foundation, that the inhalation of this smoke, which contains carbon, sulphur and iodine, is highly beneficial to those afflicted with lung and skin diseases, and assert that many wonderful cures have been performed by the patient simply taking up his residence there, and breathing the smoke daily. Whether this is so or not, Pittsburgh has the reputation of being the healthiest manufacturing city in the United States. The epidemics which from time to time ravage the country, rarely get a foot hold there, while there is certainly something in the atmosphere which gives the residents a hearty, healthy sort of look so different from that exhibited by the inhabitants of most manufacturing places.

It is well known that a large number, perhaps a majority, of the laborers and operatives in the great establishments of which we have spoken are foreigners—Irish, English, Germans and Welsh. The latter nationality is better represented, perhaps, than any other, especially in the great iron works. These people come from their own country as skilled workmen, and receive the highest pay. They very largely monopolize the best places. One would imagine that such a commingling of races would result in a rather unsettled community. In former times there used to be considerable clashing, and an occasional murder in a street or saloon brawl was not uncommon. There has been a great change for the better, however, within the past two decades. Immigration from abroad has fallen off very considerably, and the American born of the last one or two generations do not partake of the national feelings and prejudices which made their fathers enemies. Education has done much, too, in this direction.

If one wishes to get a fair sight of this grand army of iron workers in a washed up condition, let him take a stroll late of a Saturday afternoon or evening in the principal streets of the city proper, or in the vicinity of the markets. Saturday is a half holiday in most of the works, and the operatives make up for their nearly six days' confinement in these fiery furnaces by dressing in their best and promenading the main thoroughfares. The shopping for the week is done on that day, and so, as everywhere else, is the marketing for Sunday. They live well, these stalwart gentlemen, and it is a question whether their employers pay for choicer joints or more toothsome viands generally than they. Although they look like veritable demons when one sees them, half naked, darting about in the lurid light of their forges, they are a jolly looking set when outside, after having been subjected to the Christianizing influences of soap and water and a change of clothes. Possibly they are a trifle rough in their manners, and Richard Grant White would very likely have something to say in the way of disparagement of their grammar, but, taken as a whole, they are as peaceful and well behaved as those whom society persists in regarding their "betters."

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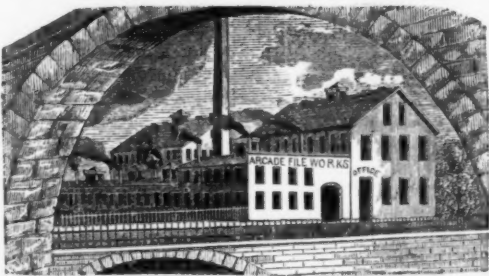
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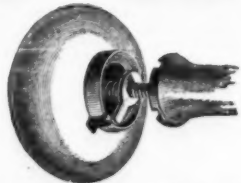
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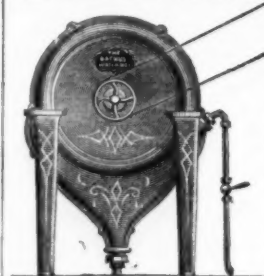
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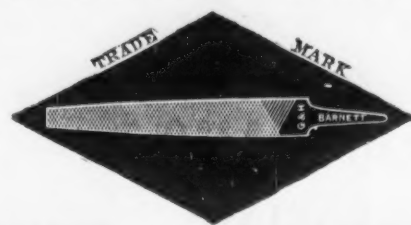


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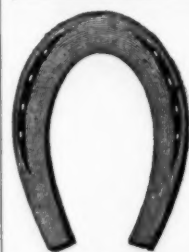
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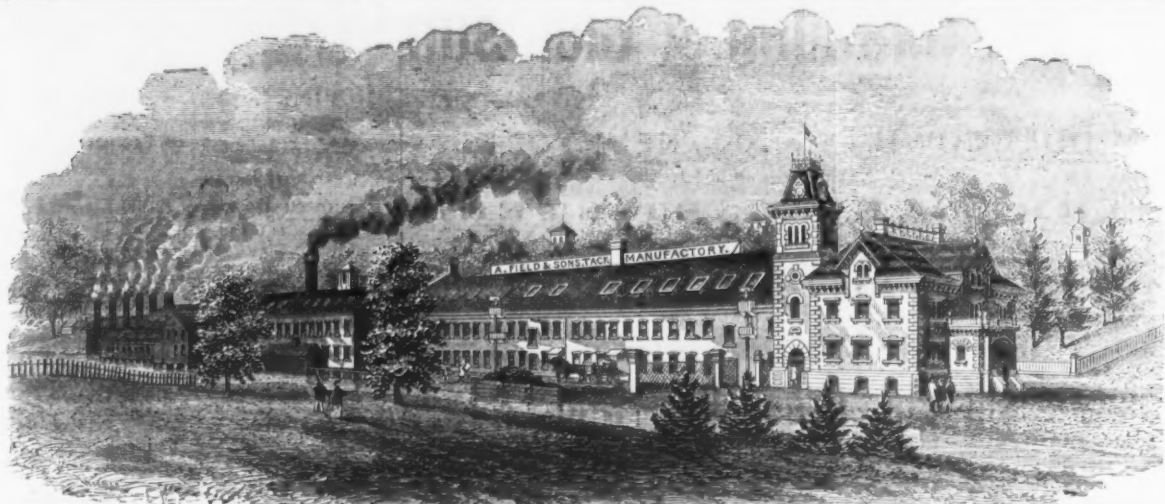
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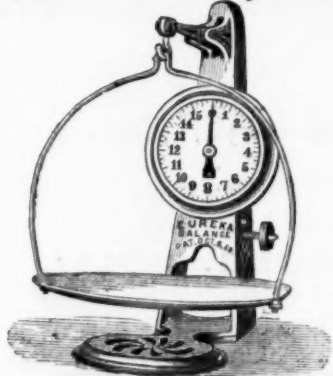
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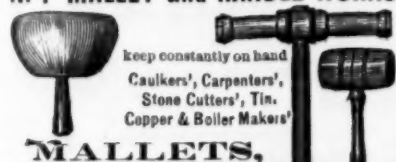


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BUSINESS ITEMS.

NEW YORK.

We take the following from *The Seneca Falls Review*, of recent date: Rumsey & Co., Seneca Falls, have taken store No. 93 Liberty street, New York, and are now filling it up with a full line of their pumps, comprising over four hundred different styles and sizes, also fire engines and other wares of their manufacture. This makes their seventh branch house, where they keep in stock a full line of their wares, viz.: No. 93 Liberty street, New York city, Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, San Francisco, Liverpool, England, Madrid, Spain, and Hamburg, Germany. Rumsey & Co. are making full time, and give employment to over two hundred workmen. They have orders for and are now shipping fire engines for Mascoutah, Ill., Indianola, Texas, Maysville, Ky., Tolosa, California, Columbia, Furnace, Va., and Exeter, Canada. We are pleased to record an example of such great success in business as is shown by this firm of manufacturers, and it speaks a double praise to their business ability, that their manufacturing interests are so rapidly strengthening and expanding, at a time when others are complaining of dull trade and hard times. However great their success, everybody is pleased to see it, and Seneca Falls has much reason to feel proud that from its center radiates a business of such extent and magnitude. The gentlemen composing the firm of Rumsey & Co. are men of sterling integrity and more than usual business ability, and they have obtained an established position in the business interests of the world that is as truly enviable as it is well merited.

Perry & Co., of Albany, stove manufacturers, are now conducting three large foundries, with an aggregate capacity for the production of 60,000 stoves, and employing 600 men. The firm have run their two largest foundries on full time since the 10th of January last, and the third since early in August. Notwithstanding this large production, we are informed that they are unable to keep up with their orders. The branch houses at Chicago and New York are very busy, which is a favorable indication of the state of trade.

The shops of John Stephenson & Co., in this city, have recently completed and shipped several cars for the St. Petersburg Tramway Company, of St. Petersburg, Russia. That company has also ordered several cars from English and Belgian makers, which are to be used in competition with the American cars, and the final contract for a large number of cars will be given to the maker whose work proves most satisfactory. The cars are somewhat different than those in this country, being arranged for 22 seats inside, and the same number on the top. The length of the cars is 26 feet. As no passengers will be allowed to stand, the cars, when loaded, can be drawn by two horses. The roofs are curved, and the seats on top are reached by stairways at each end of the car. The empty cars weigh about 4650 pounds, and cost at schedule prices, \$1125 each.

The Bradley Manufacturing Company, Syracuse, have the machinery perfected for manufacturing wrought iron whiffletree hooks, and are ready to fill orders for manufacturers and dealers. These hooks are made with their cushioned hammers.

Work in the Herkimer Axle Works has resumed after a suspension of several weeks. Other mills and manufactories in the valley that have been idle for several weeks of late are now again in operation.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A new furnace has just been put in the butt-welding department of the National Tube Works, McKeesport. It is designed for a new process in welding.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Hayden, Gere & Co., of Haydenville, in common with other manufacturers, have been obliged to reduce the pay of their help some 10 per cent. on the average. Considerable grumbling, of course, has been done, and some fifty hands have left the works, thinking they can do better elsewhere. Nearly all of these are French people. The new works are now all roofed in, and the Wood & Light Machine Company, of Worcester, have put in 1000 feet of main shafting, the company furnishing their own counter shafting. The company expect now to occupy their new shops by October 1st. The works will give plenty of room for 600 men, but unless there is an increase of business the company will not increase their present quota of help, which is about 200.

It is now about eight months since the change in the management of the Ames Company, of Chicopee, by which Clifford Arrick, of Washington, became its president, and A. C. Woodworth its agent, and under the new direction the works have already become more active than at any previous time since the war. At present they employ about 425 hands, but will be obliged to increase their force to dispose of the contracts which they already have, to say nothing of possible ones in the near future. The latest contract that the company have taken is for the manufacture of 200,000 bayonet scabbards to go with the Martini-Henry rifles, which the Providence Tool Company are making for the Turkish government. The bayonets are different from any in use in this country, being four-cornered instead of triangular, as are those in common use, and these scabbards accordingly will be square to match. The company will fit up their old work-shop for this class of work. This job alone will require from 10 to 12 months, the scabbards being delivered at the rate of 500 to 1000 a day. In their sword department, the company have orders for six months head, without reference to their special contracts.

OHIO.

Messrs. Blakeslee & Mills, Cleveland, are about establishing a new bolt and rivet manufactory. Mr. Blakeslee is the patentee of a

bolt and rivet machine that possesses many advantages over the ordinary machine. This machine has a capacity equal to six tons of railroad bolts per day.

The Smith Bridge Company, of Toledo, have just completed a bridge in Danville, Pa.

Messrs. Clark & Co.'s Cast Steel File Works, Dayton, is running with a full set of hands. They manufacture Clark's horse rasp and all kinds of files.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

One of Cook's turbine water wheels, manufactured at Lake Village, has been put into the paper mill at Henniker, capable of furnishing about 90 horse-power, and will run six engines as easily as the one heretofore used could four.

VERMONT.

The rail mill of the St. Albans Iron and Steel Works has suspended indefinitely for lack of work, throwing 125 men out of employment.

The St. Johnsbury scale manufacturers have just received an order for four of their patent iron frame track scales for a leading Continental railway, and a leading English railroad is now putting in these standard scales.

The Fulton Foundry, at Sandusky, is running on car wheels and the newly patented street car turn table, the invention of Mr. S. M. Carpenter, from 40 to 50 of which have been ordered since their first introduction last November. The table is of iron throughout, and is the very perfection of simplicity, without a single element of weakness or wear in its construction. Several are in use in the city, and some that have been in operation during the greater part of a year have not in that time required any repairs, nor is there any present indication of wear or breakage in any of its parts.

The Cleveland Iron Co. have the contract for rails for the Sharon Road, which connects Sharpsville with Sharon, ten miles in length.

The Steubenville Bolt Works have been sold by the sheriff for \$33,336, or 33 1/3 cents more than one-third what it cost to establish them.

Messrs. Lord, Bowler & Co., Cleveland, have just completed an engine, boiler, wax cooler and elevator for the Lubricating Oil Works of C. L. Morehouse & Son. They have also recently placed one of their 6x12 engines in the Parlor Grate Works of D. L. Lowrie. The monster engine that furnishes the power in Power Hall of the Northern Ohio Fair, which is now in full operation, was built by this firm.

The Toledo Stove Company employ 30 persons in their foundry. Their productions are stoves and hollow ware.

The Novelty Works, Toledo, make engines, saw mill castings, &c., &c., and give employment to about 50 persons.

The locomotive shops of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, with a light force working but nine hours per day, turned out a new locomotive, complete, in 27 working days.

The Cleveland Lead Pipe and Sheet Lead Works, Gibson, Roberts & Price, are turning out from five to six tons of sheet lead and from four to five tons of lead pipe a day in their new works, Nos. 69 and 71 Columbus street.

ILLINOIS.

According to the *Western Manufacturer*, the Furst & Bradley Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, recently received orders for their celebrated Garden City clipper plows from the following distant points: 1000 from San Francisco, 1000 from Oregon, and over 3000 from Texas. They have also this season received several good orders for their goods from Australia, Berlin, and other foreign countries.

MARYLAND.

The highest bridge in the world will be built at the crossing of the Kentucky River, on the Cincinnati Southern Railway, near the Shaker ferry. The Baltimore Bridge Company, one of the most noted in the United States, has secured the contract. The bridge will consist of an iron deck truss of three spans of 375 feet each, center to center, supported by two piers and two abutments. The piers will be built of masonry to a height of 64 feet and 6 inches above low-water mark, and the additional distance below low-water mark will soon be determined by borings under control of the resident engineer. These piers will be 130 feet long, end to end of cut water, and 35 wide on the top, built hollow, with the walls 24 feet from the end. Upon the masonry will rest the iron trestle work. The grade line is 275 feet 6 inches above low water. The abutments will be built upon the cliffs on each side of the river, and are to be 48 feet high, depending upon the shape of the ledges of rock.

Wooden Rails.—The superintendent of the Muncy Creek Railroad is about to try the experiment of laying wooden rails on a part portion of the road between Hughesville and Tivoli, or two miles beyond. With a view to testing the feasibility of wooden rails, the superintendent recently had seven hundred feet of track laid on a curve just beyond Muncy Creek, and to the surprise of all it has been found to answer the purpose much better than was anticipated. The rails are of sugar maple, 7 by 4 inches, and about 12 feet in length. The ties are laid down in the ordinary way, notched, and the rails "let into them" about 4 inches. They are then keyed firmly with wooden wedges driven on the sides, which makes the track very solid and firm. The locomotive and heavy cars have been passed over this experimental track at different rates of speed, and it has been found to work admirably, and give every assurance of success. The cost of laying wooden rails, manufactured out of this hard material—that becomes almost as solid as bone when seasoned—is \$450 per mile. Iron costs \$4000 per mile. No iron spikes are required, and the cost of track laying is about the same as putting down iron. These wooden tracks have been tried at different places in the country, and invariably been found to work well.

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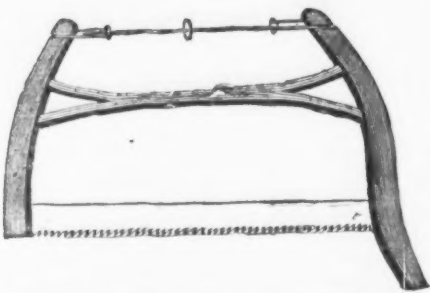
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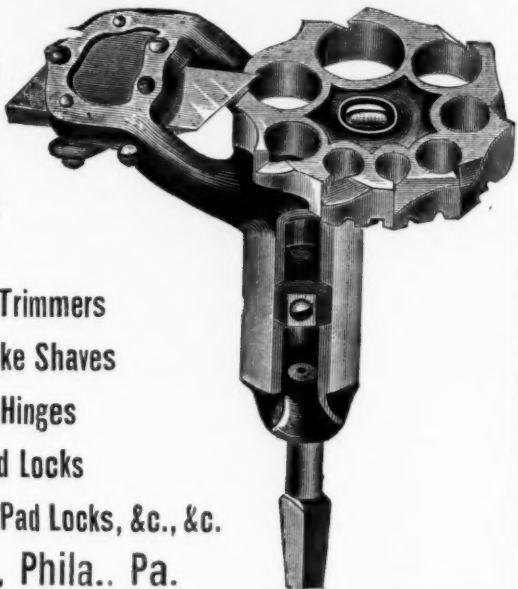
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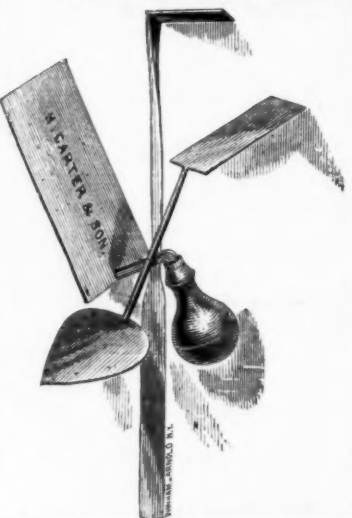
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Whatever there has been expected of fall trade is now being more or less realized, for we are in the midst of the season, and already preparations are making for winter. Probably there has been a much more active business done than is supposed, and the summing up of the years' trade at the close of December will show a much more satisfactory state of affairs than we have thought for. The effects of the coming Centennial upon our city are already clearly visible, and each day increasing.

What a great city requires in paving, lighting, water supply and park accommodation, and what it contains in dwellings, factories, population and value of real and personal property, furnish interesting food for thought. A careful summary of these items, collated for a contemporary, shows them in a most forcible light, and at the risk of the charge of blowing the Philadelphia trumpet too strongly, I repeat a portion. In an area of 82,503 acres, or 129.58 square miles, Philadelphia has a population of 800,000 people, who, from more than 8000 factories, produce goods and wares to the value of \$350,000,000, employing a capital in their production of \$185,000,000, exporting over \$24,000,000 of them, and importing a like amount, on which duties to the amount of \$8,500,000 in gold are paid. Such a city, in the nature of things, and especially in these days of rings, must have a large debt, which, in some cases, amounts to no less than \$54,200,464.05, but which is provided for by a tax of \$2.15 per \$100 upon a value of real and personal property of no less than \$375,238,938, or nearly six hundred million dollars. To light such a city, and supply the greater part of its population with gas, requires 1,766,268,000 cubic feet, conducted through 612 miles of gas mains, and a part of which is burned in 9905 street lamps. To supply it with water requires 14,535,425,097 gallons, figures which run into trillions. This is conducted through 628 miles of main pipe. For highway accommodation there are 650 miles of paved streets and 450 bridges, great and small; and for drainage 375 miles of sewers. To transport the population are needed 642 street cars, and used in business 2500 drays, wagons, carts, &c. To provide police force requires 2475 men, and to educate the children of such a great city 467 free schools with 2000 teachers and 108,651 pupils, with school property to the value of over five million dollars. To guard against fire needs a fire department including 401 men, 31 steam engines, 4 hand engines, 11 hook and ladder trucks, 27 hose carts and 6 fuel wagons, and a special fire alarm telegraph system. For the recreation of this city is provided in one park alone 2740 acres of pleasure ground, in which are 31 miles of carriage road, 20 miles of foot walks, 10 miles of bridle paths, 29 miles of drains and sewers. The population lives and does business, or did January 1, 1875, in 145,001 buildings, of which 133,343 are dwellings, and 11,658 stores, factories and other buildings. Such are some of the figures, boiled down, which show what a great city is and must have to enable its population to live and move and have their being. They are more than dry statistics, these figures, and cannot but prove of interest to all who watch the progress of our Centennial city.

At the last meeting of the Franklin Institute, a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to test the strength of iron and steel bridges, and appropriating \$1000 for expenses of conducting the test; also a congratulatory resolution on the establishment of a Museum of Industrial Art in this city, and a committee appointed to assist in the organization of such a museum. In relation to this Museum of Industrial Art, some interesting facts were disclosed at a meeting of the projectors with the Centennial and Finance Committees of the City Councils, on the 18th. The plan proposes a museum similar to the South Kensington Museum, of London, to develop our art industries by the best examples, free lectures on technical subjects and schools. The address stated that the commercial value of our manufactured products depends upon the art character of the work more than on raw material or cost. In many cases the taste in the design really forms almost the whole value, and while abroad this taste has been developed, in this country, for want of such schools and museums, notwithstanding our resources, we are still compelled to import what we ought to make. The history of the Universal Exhibition of 1857, in England, showed that that country found itself at the foot of the list in art manufactures. Art schools were established in every large town, and in 1867, at Paris, England stood amongst the foremost. Massachusetts has already made a movement in industrial art education, and in March last our citizens interested formed the project of a similar system here, and were addressed by Mr. Walter Smith, the State director of art education for Massachusetts. In June, Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, Director of the South Kensington Museum, London, and British Commissioner to the Centennial, when here, expressed great interest in the plan, and pointed out the suitability of Memorial Hall for the purpose, both from its design as a permanent museum of art, and also from the unusual opportunity afforded by the Exhibition to secure the very best samples of the products of all the nations of the world. The projectors of the Philadelphia Industrial Art Museum have therefore urged on the representatives of the city government the necessity of their aid in erecting the Memorial Building, after the exhibition, for this purpose; in support of which they presented letters from the Academy of Fine Arts, Franklin Institute, University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, and other bodies. The co-operation of the city government was promised, and that of the State will speedily follow. This is one of the most important movements of the day to our city, and will receive hearty support.

While Roach is continuing the construction of an iron fleet, our city builders are not idle. Cramp & Sons having just launched, for the Alaska Commercial Company, of San Francisco, the steamship St. Paul, a fine new ship of 1000 tons, 200 feet long, 31 feet beam, and of extra construction throughout, and supplied with compound engines. As expected, the committee of experts, at San Francisco, who have examined the City of Peking, pronounce her as having suffered only slight damage by improper loading, but not injured or unseaworthy, and consequently will the free trade line of her having been badly obstructed. Had she been Clyde built, and stevedored as she was, she never would have reached a port to be examined. We have another new American line of steamers, started by W. P. Clyde & Co., from your city, to Hayti, and run by Delaware built iron steamers. The Wilmington Commercial of late date gives an account of the introduction of American machinery from Wilmington, into the government shops at Konigsbrunn, in Wurtemberg, Germany. This is machinery to grind and polish calendar rolls used in paper making. The American machine performed in eight hours the work of grinding and polishing a calendar roll, which the German tools in use required twenty-nine days to do. So much for American industrial progress.

The Chester Edge Tool Works has reopened after a suspension of eight months, having been bought by Henry B. Black, of Morton, Black & Bros.

In the coal trade there are troublous times,

and signs of the combination being broken. Lehigh coals are selling lower than Schuylkill, and some Schuylkill dealers "cutting" combination prices. It has made a great deal of talk, and sharp action is expected from the Coal and Iron Company to protect itself. Rumor states that 12 furnaces have come into the offer of the Coal and Iron Company, and will soon blow in.

The Baxter steam street car is being tested upon one of our suburban horse railroads, and if satisfactory, it is proposed to adopt it generally upon all the lines. Some adaptation of steam power appears necessary on our street railways, and that named is at present the most practicable.

The Towne Scientific School of the University of Pennsylvania opened its first session this week with a class of 50 students. This department is supported by a bequest of \$1,000,000 from the late John H. Towne, and is thoroughly supplied with apparatus, laboratory, &c., museums, lecture and drawing rooms for a full course of study in chemistry, metallurgy, geology, civil and dynamic engineering, and physics and architecture. The faculty includes such men as Profs. Lester, Genth, Barker, Franck, Haupt and Koenig in the scientific chairs, and cannot fail to make the school take at once a prominent place in the ranks of scientific education. The approaching winter promises to be particularly brilliant in science and art, as well as in technological information, and to produce matter of great industrial importance to our people.

The Brooklyn Bridge Anchorages.

To those who have daily crossed the Roosevelt street ferry from this city, the destruction of a number of the dens and rookeries in Cherry and Dover streets, in order to make way for the New York anchorage of the bridge, has been a matter of congratulation, no doubt. The following are some of the details about the anchorage and approaches, and will probably satisfy the curiosity of those who have attempted to understand what was going on behind the high fences surrounding part of the block.

The New York anchorage will take up nearly half of the block bounded by Cherry, Water, Roosevelt and Dover streets. The base of the anchorage is 141x120 feet, and the structure will rise 80 feet above the sidewalk on Water street and 65 feet above the Cherry street sidewalk. It will consume 500,000 feet of timber and 30,000 cubic yards of stone. The weight will be 60,000 tons. Four large warehouses, three stores and several tenement houses had to be removed to make room. The structure is raised by coarses, the bottom course being of timber and concrete. The timber is Georgia or Florida pine, 12x12 inches, put in layers, alternately lengthwise and crosswise, and firmly bolted together, the timbers in each layer being from two to six inches apart, and the interspaces filled up with concrete. This bottom wooden course is already down, and one course of stone, two feet deep, is laid over it. It is expected that the structure will be completed in about a year.

The distance from the southern face of the anchorage to the center of the great pier is 930 feet, and it is 1300 feet from the northern face of the anchorage to the end of the approach on Printing House Square. The anchorage will receive four cables, ascending from the top of the tower and entering the anchorage about 70 feet above the ground, so that they clear the roofs of the tallest buildings that stand in their line. These cables will be 16 inches in diameter, made of steel. They enter the anchorage horizontally, and run along through tunnels a distance of 25 feet, when the strands, of which there are 19 in each cable, separate, and each strand takes hold of two links of a loop of chain, which makes 38 links to receive one cable. The two cables thus merge into 4 great chains which pass on through the anchorage in a curved line until they reach the bottom, and are made fast to the plates, put there to receive them. These four plates are of cast iron, 17 1/2 feet long by 16 feet wide, each weighing 23 tons. The top surface is flat and the bottom convex. The great stones above the plates overlap each other in such a way that the anchor plates cannot rise without carrying up the whole mass.

The line of the bridge crossing from Brooklyn, strikes South street on the New York shore, midway between Dover and Roosevelt streets. At this point the roadway of the bridge is high above the roofs of the buildings, but all that fall within the line of the approach will have to be demolished and replaced with fire-proof buildings for safety to the bridge.

With a sweep of 85 feet the approach passes over Front street on a line two doors east of Dover, and thence over the warehouses, tenements and saloons' boarding houses on Water street, through to Pearl street, or Franklin Square. The roadway, which is all the time descending, takes off the roofs of the tall five-story buildings on the north side of Franklin Square and demolishes one corner of another tall triangular building, which encroaches a little too far at the junction of Pearl and Cherry streets. North of Pearl street the natural surface of the ground descends rapidly for some distance, and then ascends almost as suddenly till it reaches the level of Printing House Square. On account of this most of the roofs between Franklin Square and William street escape; but all the buildings above Rose street will have to be razed to the ground before the approach can be built. The approach terminates finally on a level with Tryon Row or Printing House Square, and coming out at the base of the Daily News building, scoops that structure.

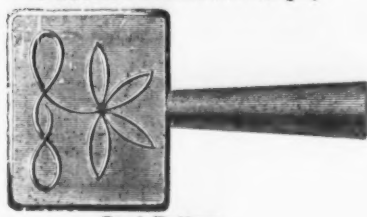
The approach cuts off three buildings from the north side of Cliff street, beginning at Frankfort street, and six buildings on the northeast corner of Cliff and Franklin streets. It also cuts off four buildings on the north side of Vandewater street, and passing on cuts off six more from the east side of Frankfort street. It takes in four buildings on the south side of Rose street, beginning one door from the corner of Frankfort street, and five on the north side of Rose street; six on the south side of William street and four on the north; four on the south side of North William street and five on the north side, and four on Clatham street, beginning four doors from the corner of Frankfort street.

Mr. C. Martin is the assistant engineer in charge of the New York approach, and Mr. T. Collingwood is the engineer in direct charge of the construction of the anchorage.

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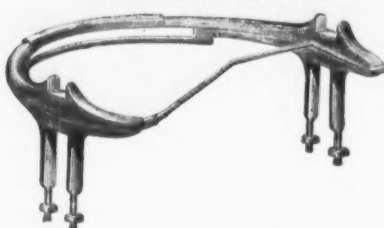
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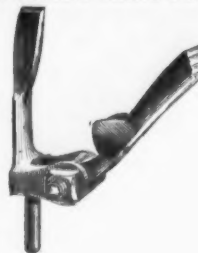


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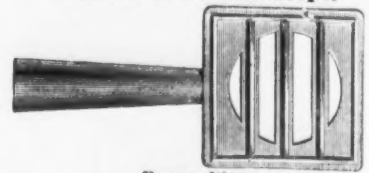
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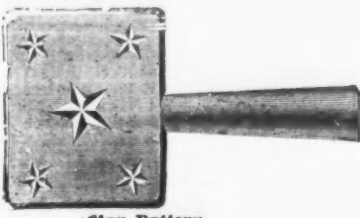
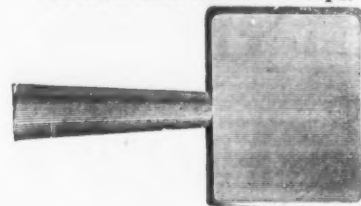


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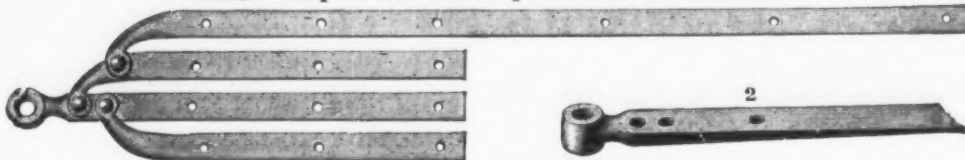
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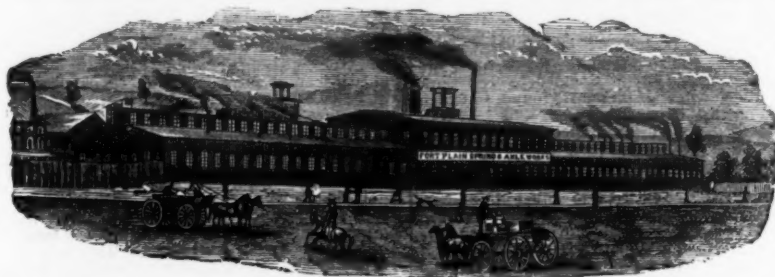
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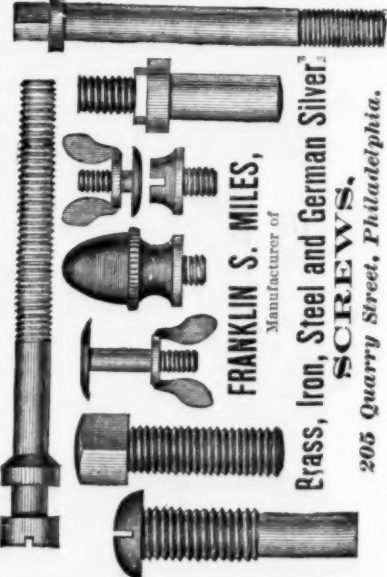
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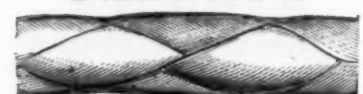
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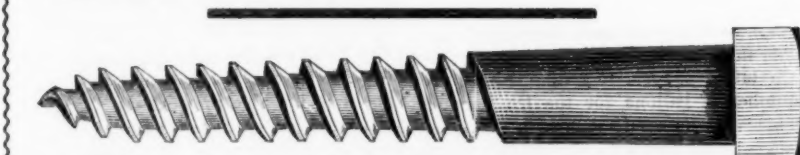
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The Fast Mail Service.

We lately had occasion to allude to long and fast runs made by American trains, as compared with the faster short runs made by English trains, but the first trip of the fast Chicago mail is beyond anything that is upon record in the way of speed and distance covered. The average speed from New York to Chicago, including stoppages, was about 38 miles per hour, the actual running time being 27 hours and 5 minutes. The train left this city at 4:18 on the morning of the 16th, and arrived in Chicago at 6:29 on the morning of the 17th. This extraordinary run was accomplished in six minutes less than the schedule time, notwithstanding the fact that the train was delayed more than half an hour on the road. At Cleveland, Ohio, the train was increased by the addition of two "heavy sleeping cars crowded with passengers." These cars, from all we can learn, were overloaded, and having small axles, there

were naturally hot journals, which caused the delay. The postal cars are all fitted with the Master Car Builders' standard axle, and, as was to be expected, gave no trouble. One of the engines had a hot box, which, we presume, was in the truck. The run into Elkhart, from a point near Jonesville, a distance of 71 miles, was made in 71 minutes. In running the last 100 miles the train made up 25 minutes lost time and gained 5 minutes on schedule time. We do not imagine that extra sleeping cars will be again added to this train, unless they are fitted up with the standard axle. The train carried on its second trip 457 pouches of letters and 35,000 copies of the morning papers. There were eight distributing clerks and a chief clerk. The average speed of this train is considerably greater than that of the fast Chicago express, which, until recently, was the fastest train on the continent. We hope those who are anxious for fast trains will be satisfied that we have two daily trains, at least, which equal in speed some of the short English runs over which they have been so much exercised, and which they have wished to see equalled here.

One feature of this fast service must not be overlooked. A Chicago mail train over the Pennsylvania Road started from Jersey City at 4:15, three minutes before the New York Central train left the Grand Central Depot. There has been considerable rivalry between the two lines as to which could make the best time, hence when the delays occurred there was much excitement on the New York Central train. In spite, however, of the time lost it reached Chicago 40 minutes ahead of the Pennsylvania train.

The *Railroad Gazette* makes the following interesting calculations regarding speed:

On the New York Central and Hudson River road the 440 miles from New York to Buffalo are run in 10 hours and 45 minutes, which is at the average rate of 40.93 miles per hour. Excluding stops, the average running time is 43.14 miles per hour, which is good express time in England.

The 539 miles on the Lake Shore road are passed in 16 hours and 20 minutes, which is at the rate of just 33 miles per hour.

The rate of speed is pretty even on the New York Central and Hudson River road, being 41.55 miles per hour from New York to Albany, where the road is almost level and the obstructions by crossings unimportant; while from Albany to Palatine Bridge, 45 miles, on which there is a heavy up-grade, the average speed is about 35 miles per hour; from Palatine Bridge to Syracuse, 92½ miles, 42 miles per hour; from Syracuse to Rochester, 81 miles, 42 miles per hour; and from Rochester to East Buffalo, 69½ miles, the speed is a little less than 42 miles an hour—in all cases running time exclusive of stops.

On the Lake Shore road the train westward leaves East Buffalo at 2:35 p. m., Columbus time (equivalent to 2:55 p. m., New York time), and runs 40 miles, to Dunkirk, in 65 minutes, and then makes its first stop. The 45 miles from Dunkirk to Erie are run in 72 minutes—just 40 miles an hour; and the 41 miles from Erie to Ashtabula in 63 minutes. From Ashtabula to Cleveland, 54½ miles, requires 85 minutes, and the 113½ miles from Cleveland to Toledo are passed in 3 hours and 17 minutes, a stop of two minutes being made at Sandusky. From Toledo to Elkhart, 142 miles, the distance is made in 4 hours and 10 minutes, and from Elkhart to Chicago, 101 miles, in 3 hours and 45 minutes.

The great speed therefore is chiefly on the New York Central, where a journey 440 miles long is made at the rate, including stops, of 41 miles an hour. This is the best time, we think, ever made by a regular train in this country. It is, however, exceeded by some English trains, but usually on much shorter lines. In England in 1873 the Great Northern Railway express made 76 miles at the rate of 47½ miles an hour, but generally express and mail trains run from 35 to 40 miles an hour.

The train on the Great Northern, which made the extraordinary speed above recorded, did not, however, equal the best time of the New York Central train for about the same distance, which traversed 71 miles at the rate of 60 miles an hour. With a straight track, as perfectly kept up as those of the best of English lines, this train would probably have no difficulty in making 80 miles per hour. The rolling stock could stand a much greater speed with safety, were the motive power sufficient; but at a speed above 80 miles per hour, resistances increase so rapidly that the power required is enormous. At 60 miles per hour the resistance of the air is 18 pounds per square foot, and at 80 miles, 32 pounds per square foot. At 100 miles per hour the pressure reaches 50 pounds per square foot. In addition to this resistance of the air, it is found after a certain speed has been reached that the piston speed of the engine is so great that the steam does not follow it fast enough to maintain the power; or, in other words, the engine ceases to work with the same measure of economy that it would at a somewhat lower speed. To get more than 80 miles per hour with an engine drawing a load, the parts would have to be proportioned differently. On the New York Central the platforms of the postal cars are closed at the sides with doors, largely diminishing the resistance of the air, which would otherwise be nearly as great for each car as it is at the front end of the train.

The saving in time to the business community, which this fast mail service to the South and West will effect, is enormous. The use of the telegraph, which in many lines of business has become burdensome, will be diminished, and a large saving be

thereby effected. In the matter of fast trains, however, the South and West should not alone be benefited. Boston and New England should have a more rapid mail service. The attempt has frequently been made to run and maintain a very rapid passenger service between New York and Boston, but the great cost, coupled with the fact there was no increased compensation, led to the speedy abandonment of the experiment. It would be possible to run a fast mail train to Boston from this city in 4 hours and 30 minutes, or even less; or, as has been suggested, to make a saving of about 4 hours over the present running time. It is generally supposed that if the roads would co-operate and show a liberal spirit, it could be done. The roads, however, are not alone at fault. There are certain difficulties in the way of making very fast time between the two cities, some of which can be removed while others are due to the nature of the country. To distribute the heaviest mail, the train would probably have to go by way of Springfield. From this place to Boston, the Boston & Albany Road is very crooked with heavy grades for a good portion of the way. The track, however, is in good order, well policed, and the conditions are otherwise favorable for rapid running. On the New Haven line, the road bed is all that could be desired, with the exception of some rather short curves on the main line. In spite of all these difficulties, a mail train could probably be got over the road at the rate of nearly 60 miles per hour, if it were not for the multitude of stops that have to be made. Years ago, after the famous Norwalk disaster, the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut were so insanely frightened lest railroads should every day run trains through open draw-bridges, that they passed acts compelling all trains to come to a full stop at every drawbridge, and also at every railroad crossing at grade. Along the line of the New Haven Road are a very large number of drawbridges, and to come to a full stop at each of them would prevent a train making fast time, unless the speed between was enormously increased. Acts of the legislature particularly directing railroad management are always and in all cases bad. The end could be more surely attained by giving passengers simple, easy and certain recourse in damages against the company in case of accident. So long as the frequent stops at bridges and crossings are required, we fear that Boston cannot have a very fast mail service, and the two States certainly do not deserve it until the oppressive acts are repealed.

The War Ship of the Future.

The sinking of the ponderous British iron-clad Vanguard, by accidental collision with the Iron Duke, adds another to the long list of accidents which have destroyed or rendered useless the great floating fortresses which have lately become the pride of the British navy. These two ships were built after the same model. The Vanguard was a vessel of nearly 4000 tons burden, built by the Lairds, at Birkenhead, and cost about \$2,500,000. She was one of the fastest and strongest ships in the British navy, but one blow from the ram of her sister ship, whose bows she tried to cross, cut her open between two compartments, and so disabled her that she sank in an hour. The ease with which her destruction was accomplished, shows how ineffectual is armor plating, as at present applied, to protect a vessel against the dangers to which it is most frequently subjected. Like Achilles, vulnerable in the heel, these ponderous iron batteries are vulnerable below the water line. The experiments lately conducted at Newport with torpedoes, showed that these engines of destruction, formerly regarded by naval officers as ingenious but rather inoffensive toys for scientific landmen to play with, are potent agents in skillful hands, and that no amount of armor plating will serve to protect the Leviathans of the line from the vigorous attacks of these naval sword fish. To meet these new conditions we shall probably have an increase of plating, so disposed as to protect the bottom, as well as the sides and deck; while plate must be piled on plate above if the naval architect is to hold his ground in the neck and neck race with the artillerist, who has so far managed to send his projectiles through whatever armor any ship now afloat has succeeded in carrying. In other words, the English naval constructors are going through an experience very similar to that which led to the abandonment of mail and armor for the protection of soldiers against the shafts and arrows of ancient warfare. As long as lances, arrows, swords and battle axes were employed, supplemented later by rude fire arms of short range and little power, armor served a good purpose. With the improvement of the machinery of war, and especially the introduction of better fire arms and more destructive field artil-

lery, armor became worse than useless. It had grown heavier and heavier, but no man could have carried armor enough to make him invulnerable to bullets, and now the soldier is best equipped when equipped most lightly. If we are not much mistaken, the armor plating of vessels will soon be abandoned. Such ships, of small and steadily decreasing value in time of war, are a burden to a nation in time of peace. They are very costly, short lived under the most favorable circumstances, and liable to be rendered obsolete by the introduction of new guns and more formidable projectiles, as well as by the adoption of new models. We think the English nation will grow tired of this kind of investment before very long, and that if we possess our souls in peace for a few years longer, we shall have learned the folly of building great iron ships of war, without having to pay anything for the knowledge.

There are many considerations which lead to the belief that the war vessel of the future will be of very different character from the war vessel of the present time. Probably she will be of iron—possibly of steel—with a double skin, but without armor. She will be light, swift, heavily armed and capable of doing effective service as a ram. No nation will require a great fleet, for the reason that it will have no use for them. When troops are to be moved by sea, transports will be employed, sailing under convoy if protection against hostile vessels is needed. Great navies belong properly to the era of walled cities, fortified harbors and standing armies, and although they have outlived these evidences of early civilization, they have at the same time outlived their usefulness.

Lubrication.

The use of oil in the arts is so general that, at the present day, there are few, if any, mechanical trades that can be carried on without it or its equivalent. Wherever machinery is employed oil must be used to diminish friction. In the use of most of our tools, whether in wood or iron working, a lubricating substance of some kind is needed at times, and in the heavier operations of boring, drilling, and the like, it must be used constantly. In the olden time so little oil was needed, because of the small amount of power used, that it formed but an insignificant item in the cost of manufacturing. It is now often a very important item, and the matter of economy in its use cannot be disregarded. A man who uses two or three gallons of lubricating oil in a year is apt to laugh at the idea of being economical with it, contending that he uses too little to make it an item of cost worth attending to; yet in purchasing he will buy a 25 cent oil, thinking that he has saved perhaps 50 cents or \$1 upon the year's supply. If the quantity used is large, there is a constant tendency to economy in the mind of the purchaser, which also takes the form of getting the required number of gallons for the least money. This is often a mistaken economy, and it is commonly bad policy to use the cheaper oil, even though it were to be had gratis; while on the other hand, it might be the best of economy to use oil costing \$2 or \$3 per gallon. Really, the price per gallon has in most cases but little weight in calculating the expense of lubrication. Even when estimating by the quantity used, the cheap oil will usually be the most expensive, because a much larger quantity is required. Lubrication should diminish friction, prevent wear, and thereby lessen the power needed to perform work. In hand labor an increase of the power needed increases the time consumed, and the less the power used the faster may the work be done. Hence, good lubrication means lessened cost and an increased product. Friction increases the wear, and thus destroys tools; when it is reduced to a minimum, wear is also reduced to a minimum. When one who owns an expensive machine buys a poor oil for the sake of saving a few cents per gallon, he is certainly economizing in his oil bill, but it is at the expense of the machine, which will not only require more power, but at the same time wear out rapidly. As the rule, price should not be taken into account in selecting oil. The consumer should seek the best oil for the purpose, and when he finds it, he will, of course, do well to buy it as cheaply as possible. Oil which has cheapness as its principal recommendation, usually lacks all other qualities to commend it to favor.

It requires no very extensive experience to convince the careful observer that the cheap grades of lubricating oil in the market are little, if any, better than so much soapy water. Most of them appear to be a crude petroleum with a little resin dissolved to give them a body. Rubbed between the fingers they are but little more unctuous than spirits of turpentine. When water is used as a lubricating material, as is sometimes done, the bearings may be kept cool and the machinery

seem to work well enough, but it is a well known fact that wear goes on rapidly, and the power required to do the work is increased. With poor oil the case is very similar. A little inattention when poor oil is used is liable to produce serious results, on account of the rapidity with which it works out of bearings, which, when partly dry, heat and cut much more rapidly than they do when a good lubricating material is used. In the latter case the material not only lasts longer in the bearing, but, even when in very small quantities, retains its greasy nature and diminishes friction. The opposite of this seems to be true with a great many oils.

Oils and other lubricants diminish friction by separating the rubbing surfaces, which practically bear upon the thin film of oil between them and slide past each other upon it. Now, whenever the film of oil is so thin that the roughness of one surface strike against those of the other, there is an immediate increase of friction. The kind of oil required depends upon the pressure of the bearing, and the rapidity with which the parts move. If the pressure on a bearing is very heavy, a strong, stiff material, like tallow, soap, plumbago, or even tar, has to be employed, in order that the pressure may not force the material entirely out of the bearing and leave it dry. If the parts are very light, such stiff substances would be manifestly unsuitable. In watches and clocks it is necessary to use the most limpid of oils, and yet even with such light work a certain amount of body is needed to prevent the oil from flowing from the bearing by its own weight. The poorer and cheaper oils are generally of such a character that they do not form a film of any considerable body in the bearing, and hence the parts are constantly liable to come in contact and so begin heating. In all cases the oil must suit the work, or there will be wear and waste of some sort. For ordinary machinery sperm oil is commonly considered best, but at the present time this cannot be obtained pure, and lard oil is probably very nearly equal to it. Lard oil seems to be the best general lubricating oil in the market. When the bearings are of such a form that a little tallow can be used in connection with it, the result will be improved. This oil will cost more than the cheap petroleum lubricating oils, but it is worth more than the difference in price. Where bearings have heavier pressures upon them, tallow can be used to advantage with a very little oil. No oil is fit for lubricating purposes that will gum or harden by exposure to the air after the manner of linseed oil. Many oils which would otherwise be admirable on machinery are thus excluded from this use.

Oil cups are now largely used upon all parts of machines of any size and on long line shafting. There is a very common idea that filling these oil cups once a month is all that is needed, and any boy is supposed to be able to perform this work properly. Oiling is too important a matter, however, to be trusted to any one but an intelligent and experienced mechanic. As an example of the troubles which a boy's ignorance and a foreman's indifference may occasion, we recall an incident that happened under our own observation. On the wall of a building opposite our office window was a line of shafting used for transmitting power to a neighboring building. It was furnished with the usual glass oil cups, which were replenished by one of the boys about once a month. One of the cups leaked, however, so that the bearing had oil for only about half the time. We called attention to the fact that the bearing was dry about half of the time, but it received no better care. After a couple of months the bearing got hot and began to make so much noise as to disturb the whole neighborhood. The matter had then become so serious that the machinery had to be stopped and a great attempt made to stop the noise. At last the bearing had to come down, another was put up without improvement, and in the end a new hanger had to be put up a foot or two away. The shop lost four or five days, and the expense was heavy. Here was a case where an important matter was left to a boy's inexperienced judgment, and much evil resulted. The foreman was to be blamed doubly, for beside the carelessness, the oil was so poor and cheap that it was practically worthless. When rubbed between the fingers it had very little of the greasiness characteristic of a good lubricating material. The trouble with this one bearing cost many times more than a year's oil bill. Had lard oil been used the result would not have been nearly as disastrous.

The point at which we must begin to practice economy in lubricating materials is in the application of the oils to the bearings. Men too often take the oil can and squirt at the oil hole; if a gill or two runs down the side of the bearing no matter—it is all right if some of it reaches its desti-

nation, and the surplus can be wiped off with a bunch of cotton waste. Commonly too much oil is poured into a bearing till it runs out somewhere; a drop or two would probably answer just as well. In line shafting where drip pans are used, the pan is generally well filled with oil that never went through the bearing. In applying oil to machinery both boys and men seem to think that if a little is good more is better, and they act accordingly. The machine is flooded with oil, and is covered with "gurry" all over. It is safe to say that in the run of shops, not more than half of the oil used does any real service.

Tallow, plumbago and grease of various kinds can often be substituted for oil with advantage. In the large screw making establishments soap compounds are substituted for oil in cutting threads. When an oil lacks body, tallow can often be added to it with advantage. Glycerine may be made to take the place of oil on oil stones, which are often ruined by the use of kerosene or some other coal oil product on them. Glycerine is much neater and vastly better than the common oils, and, so far as our own experience goes, is the best substance for oil stones that we have tried.

Foreign Trade via the Mississippi.

An effort is now making to establish a direct foreign trade for the principal cities of the West, which seems to give promise of success. The Mississippi Valley and Brazil Steamship Company, lately organized at St. Louis and incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, is the pioneer enterprise in this direction, and it is intended that the service shall begin by the sailing of the first vessel on or about the 1st of November next. The incorporators of the company are Capt. J. B. Eads, of St. Louis, prominently known in connection with the St. Louis bridge and the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi; Hon. Thomas Allen, president of the Iron Mountain Railroad Company; Mr. Charles P. Chouteau, and others. The service will be between New Orleans and Rio Janeiro. Much interest is felt in the success of the line by the merchants and manufacturers of the Mississippi Valley, and the first ship will carry out a well assorted cargo, selected with a view to determining the lines of trade most likely to be profitable. It is expected that the principal requirements of the South American markets will be agricultural produce, bar and ornamental manufactured iron, steel, lead, shot, hardware, glassware, cutlery, shovels, tools, hollow-ware, housefurnishing goods, paints, lumber, furniture, canned goods, lamps, kerosene, stoves, and many other articles largely manufactured in the West. Return cargoes are expected to consist principally of coffee, drugs, wool, dye and cabinet woods, India rubber, hides, cocoa, spices, sugars, etc., all of which should find a ready market in the West. The venture is certainly in the right direction, and we wish it every success. The near-by markets of the South American continent offer an inviting field for American enterprise, and there seems to be no reason why the West should not succeed in establishing a direct trade with these markets. Brazil annually consumes a million barrels of imported flour, and the Valley of the Mississippi annually consumes a million bags of imported coffee. The only reason why this exchange should be effected indirectly is the lack of commercial enterprise in the West. Should this venture succeed it is to be hoped that others will follow. A direct export trade would do much to stimulate the development of manufactures in the West, and by so doing greatly promote the prosperity of the whole country.

The cable reports the failure of another of the great British iron works. This time it is the Richmond Iron Works, at Stockton-upon-Tees; a large establishment with 26 furnaces and roll capacity in proportion. The iron trade seems just now to be the weak point in the British industrial system. The loss of foreign trade, the decline in prices from the figures which so enormously stimulated production in 1872, and the proportionate increase in the cost of production due to the successful efforts of the labor unions to advance wages, have brought about the present troubles. As there seems to be little to encourage the hope of an immediate improvement in the export demand, and none at all of a recovery of trade with the United States in rails, merchant bar, and manufactures of iron, it will probably be necessary for the British iron masters to limit their production for a long time to come. Unfortunately, the situation in this country is not so much better as to afford us any cause for congratulation. We have, however, been more fortunate than our English neighbors in having fewer important failures in the iron trade.

New Publications.

THE INTERNATIONAL GUIDE TO BRITISH AND FOREIGN MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS. 1875. London and New York: Published by Ingoldby & Lamb.

This is the largest, and in some respects the best, work of its kind which has come under our notice. It is of octavo size, containing nearly 1400 closely printed pages, with a voluminous index in English, French, German and Spanish. The divisions of the work are further marked by the coloring on the edge, which enables the user to turn to whichever department he may wish to consult. We are informed that great pains have been taken in the work of compilation to insure completeness and accuracy, and that only sound houses of leading reputation have been catalogued. The scope of the work is sufficiently indicated by its title. Mr. H. F. Bezan, No. 51 Nassau street, is the agent for the work in this country.

NATIONAL SELF PROTECTION. By Joseph Wharton. Philadelphia: Published by the American Iron and Steel Association. 1875.

We have in this little pamphlet a convenient republication of an essay originally printed in the *Atlantic Monthly*. The author, Mr. Joseph Wharton, is a gentleman well and favorably known to the iron and metal trades, and is one of the vice-presidents of the American Iron and Steel Association. His essay is a calm, logical consideration of the question of protection to native industry under a tariff imposed for that specific purpose, and shows not only a perfect understanding of the question as viewed from the standpoint of an American manufacturer, but a thorough acquaintance with both sides of the argument, and an extensive reading of the standard and current literature of political economy. We do not expect that the thick-and-thin advocates of free trade will accept Mr. Wharton's conclusions, since they cannot, or will not, accept his premises; but even those who disbelieve in protection as a system must admit that this is one of the most logical presentations of its claims to public favor ever made. It will be searched in vain for stock arguments, shibboleths and cant phrases, so commonly found in the writings of less intelligent students of the advantages of protection in stimulating the national welfare. Its usefulness will be in furnishing new material for reflection to thoughtful persons into whose hands it will pass. In addition to its other merits it is interesting, which is more than can be said of most essays on economic questions. Mr. Wharton has a peculiarly smooth and happy style, and seems to have a natural aversion to platitudes. We hope his contributions to our current literature will be frequent, and that all will prove of equal interest and value with this one.

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, &c. 1875.

In this annual announcement we find matter of much interest, including an illustrated description of the Institute buildings, and descriptions with illustrations of the more important and valuable apparatus in the several departments. The course of instruction, published for the information of those interested, shows the scope and thoroughness of the system of technical instruction adopted at this excellent college, which we can say with confidence graduates no second-rate scholars and gives no unearned degrees. Its faculty is well chosen, and gives the Institute a corps of instructors of exceptional strength. Since its organization the Stevens Institute has taken rank among the best technical schools of the time, and while it neither seeks nor depends upon the patronage of the public, those who can secure the privilege of scholarship in it are, we think, more fortunate than those who seek such facilities abroad. The great merit of the Stevens Institute course of instruction is that it teaches the student something which he can make immediate and profitable use of. The graduate who cannot make his way in the world from the day he leaves the college has, we think, only himself to blame.

The Argand Base Burner Suits.

To the Editor of the Metal Worker: I am sorry to be compelled to advert to a recent communication published in one of your late issues, over the signature of Perry & Co. There are always two sides to a story.

There never has been, to my knowledge, any combination of "seventeen powerful firms," formed for the purpose of contesting the right of Perry & Co. to their own inventions. Neither would the "combination" to which that firm refer lift a finger to prevent their receiving any patent to which Perry & Co. might be justly entitled.

After a long and exhaustive examination, and arguments, the patent office authorities decided the case between Carter & Dwyer on one side and Perry & Dickey on the other.

1st. That Carter & Dwyer were not the first joint inventors.

2d. That Perry & Dickey were not the first joint inventors.

The sequence is that no patent can issue to either of the contesting parties.

It is unusual for parties to appeal from a favorable decision. Perry & Dickey appealed from this decision in August.

When the patent law is amended to grant patents to second inventor, then Perry & Dickey may obtain one—not before. They seem to like newspaper notoriety, to which they are welcome. We shall not follow them, neither shall we resort to technicalities or quibbles; such, all through the case, have been the weapons upon which that firm have relied.

THOS. S. SPRAQUE,
Attorney for Carter & Dwyer and their Assigns.
ALBANY, Sept. 14, 1875.

Scientific and Technical Notes.

The enterprising little European republic, nestled among the Alps, has much to be proud of in the way of great and successful public undertakings.

THE ENGINEERING WORKS OF SWITZERLAND are quite as wonderful as, and in some respects more interesting than, those of any other country on the Continent.

There is, first of all, the Mount St. Gothard—or rather that gigantic range of several mountain tops—where a Swiss engineer, M. L. Favre, of Geneva, is now piercing the greatest railway tunnel ever built (9½ miles), and it is expected that it will be accomplished within three years. Next we have the now well known Regi Railway, with inclines of 1 in 4; and a second Rigi line, as well as a short link between the hotels, situated on the top of that celebrated mountain, have been opened last May. But the most interesting tourist railway to be seen in Switzerland runs from Zurich upon the Uto Mountain, a line which has gradients of 70 per 1000, or of 1 in 14½, combined with curves of 130 meters radius, worked by the adhesion of small tank engines. The pneumatic railway from the port of Ouchy, on Lake Geneva, to Lausanne, will soon be opened, and we have yet to notice the great bridges near Fribourg, that recently erected by the Northeastern Co. at Brugg, and those on the Swiss National Railway over the Thur and the Rhine, also the railway ferries on Lake Bodan. The civil engineer who visits Switzerland will specially be interested by the Rhine improvement works in the Canton of St. Gall and by the correction of the Jura waters; he should, however, visit above all the great water power works at Schaffhouse and at Fribourg, where hundreds of horse powers are obtained by big turbines and then transferred by wire rope transmission to all parts of the towns to supply local industries with cheap motive power. In a like manner the great power of the waters of the River Aare, passing by the Swiss capital, Bern, will soon be turned to useful account; but here the parceling of the power will take place by means of pneumatic transmission, no doubt the cheapest and handiest mode of subdividing power to any desired amount and distance, as the water pipes can be laid and kept in repair with far less trouble than the wire ropes above mentioned. Our mechanical engineers will also remember the large engineering establishments of Escher, Wyss & Co., of Sulzer & Brothers, and of Rieter & Co., and to these has recently been added a locomotive factory, capable of building annually 50 first class engines.

From advance sheets of the *National Car Builder*, for October, we have the following particulars in relation to the

FAST MAIL POSTAL CARS

on the New York Central. They were built at the shops of the New York Central and Lake Shore roads, and consist of three styles or classes, one for assorting and distributing newspapers, another for letters, and a third, called tenders, for stowing through mail matter. The one for newspaper service is 60 feet in length, 9 ft. 8 in. wide outside of sills, and is mounted on six wheel trucks. The outside, below the letter boards, is painted almost a pure white, the letter boards being a shade darker. In the center is a large oval raised panel bearing the name "Gov. Tilden," and on either side toward the ends, is a shield, one representing the national coat of arms, and the other a design with the Latin inscription, "Novus Ordo Seclorum." The letter car is 50 feet long and runs on four wheel trucks. Each car is lettered "The Fast Mail," and also with the names of the two roads, N. Y. Central and Lake Shore. There are two double doors on each side, and also two of Ward's mail-catchers for receiving mail bags at the various points without stopping the speed of the train. The interior of the "Gov. Tilden" is fitted up with all the necessary facilities for assorting newspaper mail matter. These consist mainly of 94 chutes to which the bags are attached. The letter distributing car is fitted up with 946 letter boxes. The platforms are inclosed with side doors so that there is communication from one car to the other with but little exposure to the wind and weather. The lighting is by student lamps. The letter distributing car is named "Gov. Dix," and has the same ornamental features and general outside appearance as the "Gov. Tilden." The tender cars, to which we have referred, are all 50 feet long, and painted pure white, except the frezes, which are a trifle darker. They also have four wheel trucks. There are no inside fixtures except a double row of stanchions extending from floor to roof, and six candle burners suspended from center of dome. The side lights are wider than usual, and are continuous, without division panels, for the purpose of admitting as much light as possible.

Considerable interest has lately been excited in England by the performances on a railroad near Bristol of a locomotive designed to facilitate the operation of

PASSING TRAINS OVER STEEP GRADIENTS.

The following is a brief description of the engine and its operation: "The locomotive engine is coupled to the train by a steel chain or steel wire rope, which is wound round a drum mounted in the framing of the engine. The axle or shaft of this drum works horizontally in bearings fixed in the main framing of the engine, and is rotated direct, or with more advantage, by gearing, from a separate pair of cylinders distinct from the usual cylinders which drive the locomotive. On each side of the engine framing, and also on each side of the carriages or wagons in the train, are suspended self-acting gripping struts, which, when let down on the rails by the driver of the train, will grip the sides of the rails and hold the engine and train stationary. On arriving at the

foot of an incline, the engineer releases the hauling drum and runs it up the gradient to any desired distance. The driver then releases the struts, they come into contact with the rails, and on the engine being stopped, and attempting the least retrograde movement, they grasp the rails and maintain the engine in its place. The hauling drum is now started, and the chain draws the train up close to the engine. The struts on the train now come into action and firmly hold the train in its place. The operation will be continued until the whole of the gradient has been surmounted. The advantages claimed for the invention are, briefly: On level sections and comparatively light gradients, the locomotive acts precisely as an ordinary locomotive; it facilitates the hauling of heavy trains by light locomotives round sharp curves, and it will, roughly estimated, save seven-eighths the cost of construction of lines in rough countries, as in many cases it will obviate the making of tunnels, and it will lead to the employment of lighter locomotives." This plan is a novel one, and has its points of value, though certainly it does not have as wide a range of action as the inventor claims for it. The system can probably be applied with advantage on parts of mountain lines, and in similar places. But the waste of time and the wear and tear will prevent its adoption for general traffic. In many cases a pushing engine to help trains over steep gradients will be preferable. As the engine is of necessity a double one, having a pair of separate cylinders for driving the winding drum, the wear and tear and the repair bills will be largely increased, possibly doubled. In a great many cases this would equal the running expenses of another locomotive.

We have lately received from the National Tube Works, of Boston, Mass., and McKeesport, Pa., samples of a new

ENAMELED IRON PIPE,

which seems to meet every requirement for a cheap, safe and durable water pipe. In connection with water service, the two points of greatest consequence are the best kind of pipe for main conduits and the most desirable pipe to supply water for domestic purposes. The practice in general use is to have one large main with diameter sufficient to supply all the tributary ramifications, made usually of a very low grade of cast iron, very brittle, very heavy, difficult to make perfect joints, and, consequently, very liable to serious leakage, particularly when laid on marshy, sandy and shifting soils. This pipe is usually coated with a preparation of tar to prevent rust. The many imperfections of this class of pipe have led some cities to adopt wrought iron riveted of the same size, the only drawback to this being the multitude of rivets, every one of which is a center for corrosion and consequent tendency to leakage. It has been found by experience, however, that depending entirely on a single main, of whatever material, is dangerous; whole cities, both in this country and in Europe, have not unfrequently been left without water in some of their districts, owing to the bursting or other derangement at some point of this large main. This has led to the adoption of two or three smaller mains, generally 12 to 14 inches in diameter. These smaller mains can now be had of seamless lap welded wrought iron in long lengths, put together with patent joints, without rivet or seam; they are of great durability, capable of sustaining immense pressure; can be carried over rivers, treacherous ground, gulches and ravines; are of less weight, laid much quicker, and at a great saving of cost; are covered with an indestructible coating of enamel, which no acids, sulphur, lime or salts, of any kind, can remove, and their actual cost, all things considered, is about the same as that of those now in use.

The insoluble enamel of the iron pipe made by the National Tube Works is its great feature. Plain cast and wrought iron will rust and corrode. Iron lined with cement is full of imperfections. Iron lined with porcelain or glass would be a good conduit, but is found impracticable from its brittle, unbending, unelastic nature. Galvanized iron, which, on its discovery, bid fair to solve the problem, is found seriously wanting, particularly where iron, lime, sulphur or alkalis form any part of the ingredients in the water. The new enamel, the composition of which is understood to be a secret, seems to be just what is wanted. It is elastic, hard, insoluble in water and resists the action of acids, alcohol, alkalis, sulphur salts of all kinds and heat, and experimental tests of the most severe kind have thus far failed to dissolve or remove it. Prof. Otto Worth, of Pittsburgh, and Prof. S. Dana Hayes, State assayer and chemist, of Massachusetts, both affirm that it has stood the severest tests to which they could subject it, and both recommend it as safe and sanitary. Whether it will stand the test of long usage we cannot say. We believe it is a comparatively new article of manufacture, but it gives every promise of durability and usefulness. We have records of two or three years service under unfavorable conditions, which are perfectly satisfactory.

A French journal, in a note on the

WEAR OF STEEL RAILS,

expresses the belief that "the chief advantage which results from their use, as compared with those of iron, is that the wear caused by friction is even, being parallel with the length, and takes place slowly, whereas the best iron rails deteriorate under the influence of the traffic, and are found to be for the most part unfit for use before they have lost any appreciable portion of their weight by even wear. In this connection, mention is made of the experiments instituted by the great Northern Railway Company on iron rails from all sources, and which have demonstrated that the best samples, upon their system, have not withstood a traffic of more than 30,000,000 tons, and that for those of ordinary quality this figure does not exceed fourteen millions. Now, in the case of steel

rails, it is claimed that all the trials proved that the table of the rail wears uniformly, at the rate of one millimeter for every 20,000,000 tons passing over it; and as the rails are got out with a view to their losing ten millimeters by wear, it can, of course, be estimated that they will endure a traffic of at least 200,000,000 tons—that is to say, that the endurance of the steel rails is more than ten times that of the iron. This being the case, it is claimed that the substitution of steel rails for those of iron effects a great reduction in the cost of maintenance, at the same time that it insures a more even strength to the permanent way, and increases, in a high degree, the safety of working, which considerations, of course, are of paramount importance."

The opinion in this country is that the iron rails laminate because the loads are greater per square inch than the metal can bear, consequently the surface is crushed and its cohesion destroyed. Some statistics which have been published within a comparatively short time show that where the maximum weight per wheel was so small that the weight per square inch did not exceed the strength of the iron to resist crushing, the life of the iron rail approached that of steel. Where the iron of the head of the rail has been made exceedingly hard, the life of the rail, even under a very heavy load, has been nearly as great as that of steel, if not quite equal to it. The superiority, therefore, of the steel, aside from its greater strength, seems to be in the greater hardness of the material.

The British Board of Trade has lately published a summary of the

RAILWAY STATISTICS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

for the past twenty years, which presents some very interesting totals and comparisons. In 1854 there were in the United Kingdom 8053 miles of railway open for traffic, and at the end of 1874 there were 16,449 miles, or more than double the former number. The increase has been greatest in "single lines;" these increased from 1950 miles in 1854 to 7700 miles in 1874; but the lines which are double or more advanced only from 6103 to 8749 miles. The capital paid up has more than doubled in the twenty years, having increased from £286,068,794 in 1854 to £699,895,931 in 1874; so that throughout the twenty years we sank or spent above 16 million sterling per annum, on an average, in making railways in the United Kingdom. The ordinary stock has only risen from £166,030,806 in 1854 to £248,528,341 in 1874, the increase of capital having been chiefly in that which has a fixed rate of interest. Thus the guaranteed and preferential stock has increased from £49,377,952 in 1854 to £200,930,629 in 1874, or fourfold; and though the "loans" or floating debts show a decline from £70,600,036 in 1854 to £49,266,070 in 1874, the perpetual "debenture stock," which has come into such favor, amounted in 1874 to no less than £111,170,901, increasing from less than 16 millions in 1867 to seven times that amount in 1874. The number of ordinary passengers conveyed by railways (that is, the number of journeys made) has increased from 111,180,165 in 1854 to 477,840,411 in 1874; but this is exclusive of the journeys of season or periodical ticket holders, who in 1874 were 493,957, or nearly half a million in number. No account is given, nor any estimate, of the number of times these have traveled. In 1874 they paid in all £1,062,181 (not a twentieth part of the whole receipts from passengers), averaging about 43.3 from each season or periodical ticket holder. The Great Eastern had the largest number—172,064, chiefly workmen, and they paid only £74,431 in the whole; the North London came next, with 54,563, paying £25,556. The Brighton line had only 10,974, but they paid £117,811. Without estimates from the companies as to the number of journeys under periodical tickets, we cannot tell how many are the travelers (journeys) by railway in this kingdom in a year. The receipts from passenger traffic and from goods traffic were not very far from equal in 1854; but there has since been a change, and in 1874 the passenger receipts, which in 1854 constituted the larger sum of the two, were to be goods receipts as only 42 to 54. The receipts from traffic have risen from £20,215,734 in 1854 to £36,899,498 in 1874, or adding rents, tolls, navigation, &c., £39,255,715. The working expenditure constituted but 47 per cent. on the receipts in 1860, and was the same in 1871; but prices have risen, and in 1872 the expenses reached 49 per cent.; in 1873, 53 per cent.; and in 1874 they were 55 per cent. Still, the net receipts which were but 4.19 per cent. on the paid up capital in 1860, reached 4.37 per cent. in 1874. The recent rise in prices has materially affected the cost of construction and working of railways. In 1854 the paid-up capital was equal to £35,523 per mile of line open; in 1872 the amount was little more—namely, £35,984; but in 1873 it had become £36,574, and in 1874 it was £37,078. In the year 1874 the gross receipts of the railway companies of the United Kingdom amounted to nearly 60 millions sterling, and the net receipts exceeded half a million a week. The passenger trains traveled nearly 97 million miles in the year, and the goods and mineral trains traveled above 100 million miles.

The wire suspension bridge over the Ohio River, at Cincinnati, is, with one exception, the largest bridge of its kind ever built. From tower to tower is 1057 feet, while the entire length of the structure is nearly 2300 feet. It is suspended by two immense wire cables 100 feet above water level. Its weight is 600 tons, but it is estimated that it would require a pressure of 16,000 tons to bend it from its position. The building of the bridge taxed the faith and patience of the city for years, and swallowed up the immense sum of \$2,000,000 before it was completed, but now that it is a fact accomplished the Cincinnatians look upon it with a pride which is truly pardonable.

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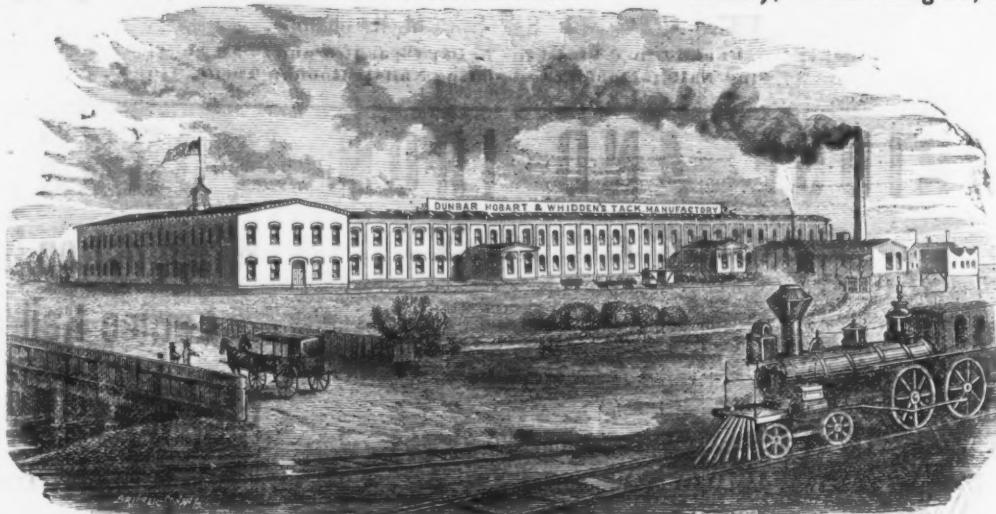
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The Artesian Well at the Philadelphia Mint.

For many years past there has been considerable difficulty experienced at the Philadelphia mint during the summer seasons on account of a short supply of water, and in order to guard against this difficulty in future an artesian well is now being bored in the yard at the back end of the building, and has already reached the depth of nearly 500 feet from the surface. The well was commenced early in July, when a cast iron pipe, 12 inches in diameter, was first driven through 6 feet of surface soil, 16 feet of brick clay and 31 feet of coarse gravel, 53 feet in all, to the solid gneiss rock. The pipe was driven firmly into the rock, thus shutting off all surface water, or any loose soil that might cave in. The drilling was then commenced in the gneiss rock, the hole being eight inches in diameter.

The gneiss was found to be 330 feet thick, after which the tools struck the hornblende rock of a dark lead color, through which they are now boring. Here and there very soft streaks are found in the hornblende, but as a general thing it is very hard. Sixty-two feet of this rock has been penetrated so far. At a depth of 310 feet the well was tested, and found to be capable of yielding 30 gallons of water per minute constantly, but as this is a water which is lost for years, it was decided to keep on boring until a much larger supply was reached, so that there may be no possibility of failure in the future.

On the morning of Friday, August 13th, at a depth of 373 feet, the tools broke in the well, causing a delay of several days before the broken portion could be recovered and the boring proceed. The tools were finally grappled for and recovered, since which no accidents have happened.

A description of the tools and the manner of boring an artesian well will be interesting to many readers. The tool with which the boring is done is of iron, 40 feet in length, 4 inches in thickness and weighing 2000 pounds. This is suspended by a cable, 2½ inches in thickness, and of a sufficient length to pay out as the well increases in depth.

An ordinary "walking beam" of wood, which is driven by a portable steam engine rises and falls continually over the mouth of the well; the cable which suspends the tools passes from a drum over the end of the walking beam, thus lifting the tool and allowing it to drop with measured strokes on the rock, which is thus gradually drilled out. A workman sits at the mouth of the well, having the cable grasped in a sort of tongs, and at every stroke he gives the rope a twist so as to turn the chisel which is working in the bottom, and keep the hole circular in shape. The tool, as before stated, is 40 feet in length and consists of six parts screwed together. At the top is the "rope socket" four feet long; this is hollow, and the end of the cable is inserted and bolted into it.

The next section is called the "sinker bar," and is a simple iron bar eight feet long. Then come the "jars," which are 7 feet long. These "jars" are merely two long links like those of a chain, one working in the other, and are intended to increase the force of the blow upon the rock by allowing the upper portion of the tool to fall violently upon the lower portion after the chisel shall have reached the bottom.

The next section is the "auger stem," 18 feet long, and at the lower end is the "chisel," three feet long, shaped like a chisel, and made of the finest quality of steel. This drill is constantly rising and falling upon the rock with a force caused by the weight of a whole ton of iron and so much of the cable as may be paid out in the well.

The break in the tools in use at the Mint occurred in the upper link of the "jars," which broke square off, and fell directly across the bore. The piece which was about one foot long and six inches wide, became jammed between the tools and the side of the well. It then became necessary to put in what is called a "spear," which is simply a chisel with the point turning outward toward the side. By working for several days with the "spear," the whole was sufficiently enlarged to allow the small piece to drop to the bottom. A heavy hook was then attached to the cable and lowered to the tools, and after considerable working it was caught in the lower link of the "jar," and the broken tools lifted to the surface.

A duplicate set of tools being at hand, was at once introduced and the work of drilling proceeded with. Accidents by breaking the tools are frequent in boring artesian wells, as the very best iron that can be procured will granulate in time from the constant percussion. There is not often so much difficulty, however, in recovering the tools, in this case the small broken piece being a serious impediment. Had it not been for this the broken tool could have been removed at once by the "alligator tongue," an instrument on the shear principle, which is lowered and seizes the end of the broken tool, when the harder it is pulled from above the tighter it holds on to the object below.

While the well is in process of boring, the tools are frequently removed, and the sand pump introduced to remove the matter from the bottom, which is done by means of a suction valve. The same pump removes all the ground rock, gravel, &c., taking up at times stones an inch or more in diameter. After the well is sunk to the required depth, a pump tube is sunk in it to within a few feet of the bottom. In an 8 inch well this tube is 5 inches in diameter, and the space between the lower end of the tube and the rock side of the well is packed with a "seed bag," which is a leather bag containing flax-seed. This packs very solidly, and prevents the surface water from dripping to the bottom, and secures the presence of only the pure water from the deep spring.

The water from below then rises in the pump tube by its natural force to within a few feet of

the surface of the earth from whence it is pumped into the tanks built to receive it. At the Mint two large iron tanks, capable of holding 20,000 gallons each, have been constructed at a level with the roof of the building. These tanks are connected together by a 4 inch pipe, and the water will be pumped to them through a 4 inch pipe from the well.

A neat marble building, similar in style to the main building, will be erected for a pump house, and an equalizing pumping engine of 10 horse-power will be used to raise the water to the tank. The contractors for the whole work are Messrs. Melvin & Morris, of Philadelphia, who have already sunk a large number of these wells, in various portions of the country, the most important in that vicinity being the following: Bergner & Ennell's brewery, a well 576 feet deep, now yielding 143 gallons of water per minute; Fielding L. Williams & Co.'s sugar refinery, a well 244 feet deep, yielding 150 gallons per minute; Smith's Island, a well 206 feet deep, yielding 50 gallons per minute, but which is not pumped to its full capacity; Powers & Weightman's chemical works, a well 250 feet deep, yielding 150 gallons per minute; Continental Hotel, a well 202 feet deep, yielding 100 gallons per minute; Flat Rock paper mills, a well 600 feet deep, yielding 80 gallons per minute; Pascal iron works, a well 400 feet deep, yielding 150 gallons per minute; McKean, Newell & Borie's Sugar Refinery, three wells, 186, 254 and 269 feet deep respectively, yielding an average of 100 gallons per minute each; Hance Brothers & White's Chemical Works, one well 130 feet deep, yielding 40 gallons per minute; Jessup & Moore's Paper Mills, Wilmington, Del., one well 300 feet deep, yielding 40 gallons per minute; W. H. Wilson's residence, Bryn Mawr, Montgomery county, one well 400 feet deep, yielding 200 gallons per minute; Conyers Button's Hosiery Mills, Germantown, one well 300 feet deep, yielding 75 gallons per minute; Nixon & Stokes, Twenty-fourth and Vine, one well 304 feet deep, yielding 250 gallons per minute; Col. Thos. A. Scott's residence, Darby Creek, one well 50 feet deep, yielding 60 gallons per minute. The temperature of the water obtained from these wells is uniform the year round at from 46° to 53°, while the average temperature of the Schuylkill in summer is from 80° to 90°. The well water also contains much less solid matter, and is said to be very economical for use in boilers, as it does not form scales nearly so fast as the river water, and, therefore, consumes less fuel in the generation of steam.—*Ledger.*

Proposal to Federate British Trades Unions.

The trades' unions in Great Britain appear to be somewhat keenly alive to the fact that their influence is diminishing, and that, no matter how favorably they may be regarded in times of prosperity, the men look upon them with a sour and jealous feeling, when wages are descending and employment scarce. The Amalgamated Association of Miners, formed some years back by Mr. Halliday, and numbering some 110,000 members, has collapsed entirely, but its members will all be asked and urged to join the new National Miners' Union, which will embrace all the miners in the country if the scheme can be carried out. The Parliamentary Committee of the National Federation of Trades have just issued a manifesto to the officers and members of the various trade societies of the United Kingdom. As it is of special interest we subjoin it in full:

"GENTLEMEN,—In presenting for your consideration a proposed code of rules for the government of a federation of organized trade societies, we consider it necessary that we should explain the circumstances which have induced us to take the initiative in this matter. Recent events clearly indicate that the employers have recognized the weakness of their position, and have determined on the promotion of large and powerful organizations of mutual protection and assistance. Whilst their cry through the public press is 'peace!' 'peace!' their actions show that they are actively preparing for war. Assurance companies are being formed to subsidize capitalists in their contest with their workmen, and before long some particular trade will probably be selected as the object of attack, the employers in the trade being supported by the united strength of the federation in an attempt to destroy the unions existing among the men. At the Trades' Union Congress held at Sheffield in January, 1874, the representatives of several important societies met to consider the subject of federation, and agreed on a course of action to be pursued. Circumstances, however, which subsequently arose, prevented for a time the practical realization of the wishes and intentions expressed at the meeting. During the autumn of 1874, the councils of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, the Joiners, the Amalgamated Ironworkers' Association, and the Boiler-makers' and Iron Shipbuilders' Society, being of opinion that some steps should be taken with a view of federating the various trade societies in the iron and building trades, instructed their general secretaries to conjointly issue an address calling attention to the importance of this question, and inviting societies interested in the movement to instruct their representatives to attend a meeting to be held during the sitting of the Liverpool Trades' Union Congress. A meeting of representatives of various societies in the iron and building trades was accordingly held at Liverpool, under the presidency of Mr. Daniel Gulle, of the Ironfounders' Society, when the desirableness of forming a federation of trade societies was unanimously affirmed. It was considered advisable not to restrict the federation to any particular trades, but to extend it to all trade societies which are sufficiently well organized to become a source of strength, not of weakness, to the federation. The representatives, whose names are appended to this address, were appointed as a committee to draft a code of rules, and submit them for the consideration of the various trade societies. It will be evident to those who attentively consider the events of the past two years, the struggles between capital and labor will probably be conducted in future on a far more gigantic scale than we have hitherto witnessed. Our great national societies have, whenever they have been formed on a sound financial basis, rendered the employers in a local contest powerless to cut off the resources of their workmen. When men in any town have been on strike funds have been freely supplied from such localities, under the direction of the central governing body of the society, remunerative employment has been found elsewhere for the men on strike, and the employers have been unable to fully resist the influence brought to bear upon them by the national organizations amongst the men. But in the face of one common danger, it behoves the trades societies of the country to present one united front, and to combine for the purpose of exacting a common fund available whenever an emergency may arise. A federation, to be really useful, should be exclusively composed of trades already organized on a sound financial basis, capable of successfully grappling with any or many difficulties." The rules for the government of the federation will be discussed at Glasgow on October 7th.

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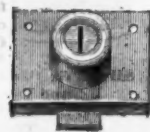
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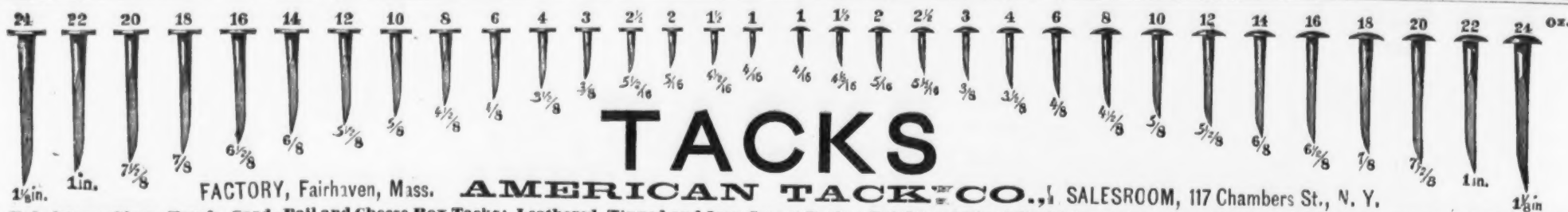
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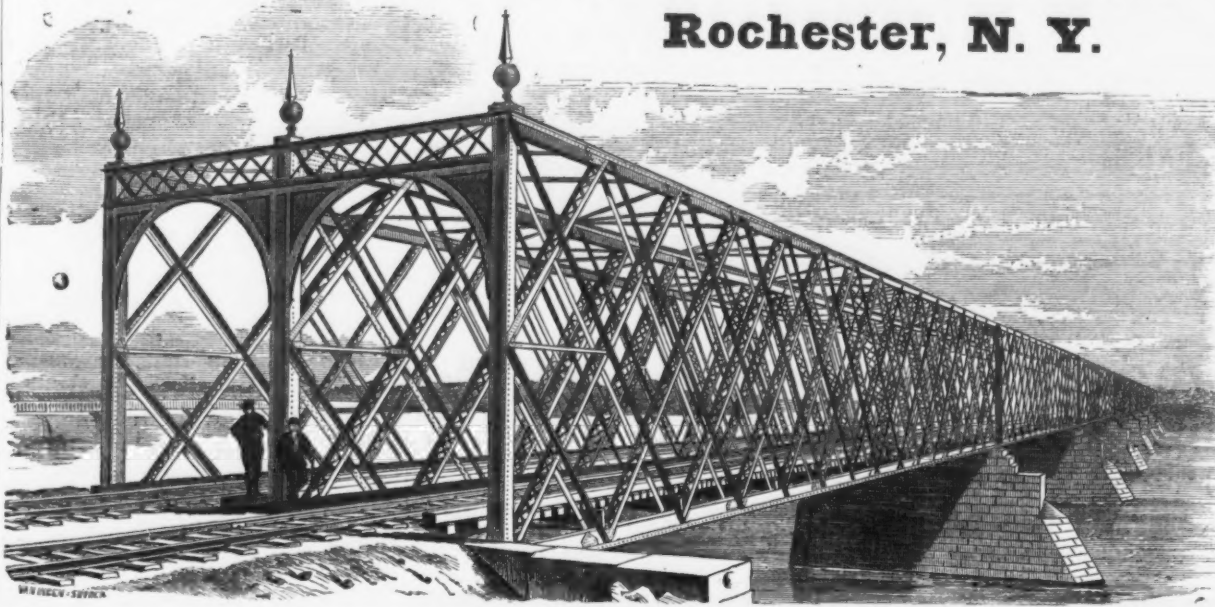
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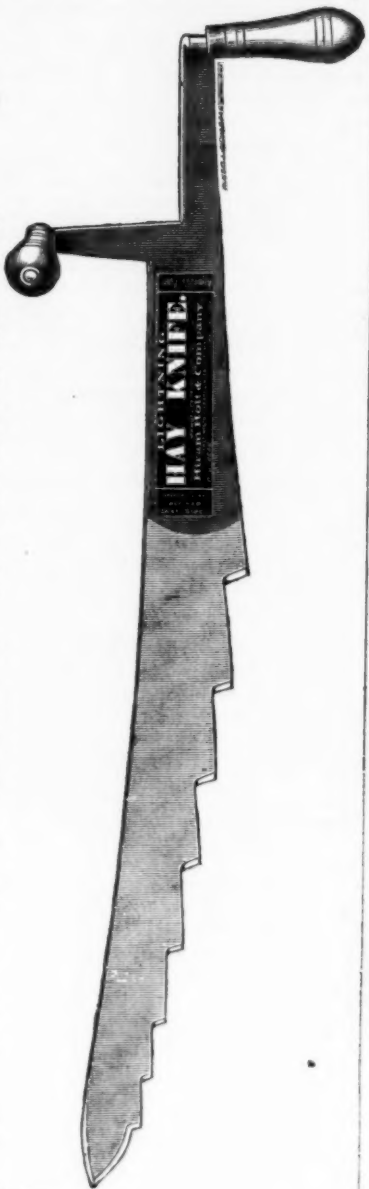


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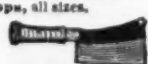
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The North American has given careful attention not only to Russia's progress, but also to the resources of the country. In a recent interesting editorial it has the following:

We have referred at different times, and as fresh information was acquired, to the progress of railway construction and general industry in Russia, and noticed the number of locomotives shipped hence for St. Petersburg and the Crimea, and supplemented the valuable compilation of Mr. Harris-Gastrell, made for the British Board of Trade, respecting the development of industries in this and other countries, with later statistics of Russia than his own. The consular correspondence that is being published piecemeal by our own government shows that Russian progress is what all other reports had asserted, and, describing the coal mines there as far greater and more valuable than was even supposed, discloses that our local agency in their development has not been auxiliary but preliminary and influential. The correspondence suggests that the resources vitalized there by Philadelphia energy and knowledge not only pay tribute to the source from which their awakening proceeded, but that they will, by their nature, amount, position and interdependence, have a very great and speedy application to some of the first concerns of international industrial rivalry and the progress of the world. The surroundings of the report give it more value than can be quickly measured.

For some years the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, have, as we have recorded, shipped their engines to the Black and Baltic seas. Quite recently a representative of this firm called the attention of the imperial government to mines of anthracite coal that exist in the province of Voronezh, considering that they might furnish a supply of fuel for coal burning locomotives. This information has been acted upon. It is found that an area of more than 180 miles, already explored, abounds in an excellent and pure anthracite, every way suited to the requirements of the American locomotive, that has not only excluded British, Belgian, Austrian and every other for superior power and speed, but has monopolized the Russian market on this account despite its greater cost. The discovery will, of course, require more locomotives; and the locomotives, using and distributing the coal, will carry its values very far and make it of more worth to the empire than Khokan—a factor in commerce and trade and manufactures and every use, and a powerful agent in the solution of questions whose results cannot be apprehended now.

The region thus suddenly called into notice lies 200 miles north of the Sea of Azof, and is cut by the river Don. The great railway from St. Petersburg to Moscow and Odessa passes within 50 miles of its western limit, and the Don, that divides it, is navigable by large vessels half the year. A canal connects the Don and its tributary, the Voronezh, with the Volga, and thus gives access to the Caspian. The latitude is that of Warsaw, Dresden, Antwerp and London. The province has 2,000,000 of inhabitants. There are six towns and cities, of from two to four, seven and forty thousand inhabitants; and they have an imperial palace, citadels, fairs and magazines, and build ships for the Black Sea. The crops include wheat and corn, rye, hemp, tobacco, the vine; sheep are raised by the million; fine cattle and horses abound; there are manufactures of iron, woolen and soap, and lime is abundant. This is the region—these are the resources—the Baldwin Works have brought into notice. Their native abundance and position, the desire of Russia and the want of other countries, and especially the great rivalry for Asiatic trade and political influence, show they must be rapidly improved. There is a genial climate; there is the food, animal and cereal; there is the population needing employment; there is the commerce of the sea and of the great interior to furnish employment—the Asiatic frontier only 500 miles away; there are the railways and ships; and now there is excellent and inexhaustible anthracite for utilizing the iron and consuming the agricultural product on the spot, by a race employed in manufacturing the iron and wool and hemp and lumber.

Every one can connect these facts and reach a conclusion. There is but one result possible to the province—and that the very same that is making the Western region bordering the Black Sea, more active than it ever was. The province must grow in population, wealth and power, and its manufactures and commerce must expand quickly while English fabrication, charged with the cost of imported food, charged with German competition at its very doors and with rivalry everywhere, will en-

counter new difficulties before it has recovered from recent and not only see the Asiatic continent cut with a Russian railway soon, but see it transporting the iron and woolen and other fabrications of this Russian region to supply natives it has sought to govern. No alternative is possible; for the emancipated serfs want the work this discovery furnishes and Russian policy seeks Central Asia, and seeks it with Russian industries in exchange for all that is grown or raised or made on the way, and all that is found in China. The railway is more than a project, and these advantages are on its very line. The consequences must tell in Europe as well as in Asia, and in every concern, as in iron fabrication. It is needless to try and forecast these consequences, derived from so great a territory, having so many natural advantages. They will certainly enable Russia to make greater strides, and we, whose knowledge and skill have contributed so much to prepare the struggle, will find that the rapid development of our own iron interests is more important than it has ever been. Fortunately the Russian advantage is only a parallel to our own, and her progress is enhanced by American knowledge and machinery.

The following statistics from other sources will be interesting in connection with the above. A report presented to the Technical Society of St. Petersburg shows that a large portion of the manufacturing establishments of Russia are in the hands of foreigners. In the district of St. Petersburg, foreigners own 28 out of 32; in the province of Moscow 22 out of 47; in the district of the Vistula 6 out of 14, and in the Baltic provinces 21. There are 167 works in Russia for the construction of engines, exclusive of the imperial establishments, and three-fourths of these make locomotives and other railway plant. Large numbers of the locomotives used on Russian railways are, nevertheless, made in America. The 167 establishments mentioned above use engines of over 6000 horse-power, and employ 41,382 workmen. They consume yearly 138,000 tons of pig iron, 164,898 tons of wrought iron and 127,000 tons of fuel. The iron works of the Ural alone produce 70 per cent. of all the pig iron obtained in Russia, but there is room for many more iron works in that region, especially since the discovery of large coal fields within railway distance of them.

The Water Works of Virginia City, Nevada.

The people of Virginia City, Nevada, claim to have the best and purest water of any community in the world; and when it is stated that the supply is obtained from a pure mountain creek, rushing down fresh and clear from the region of perpetual snow, the claim will be pronounced reasonable. But this priceless boon was attained at the expense of immense labor and the application of great scientific skill, by which was overcome the huge obstacle of the Washoe Valley, which had to be crossed by the main pipe. The supply is from Dall's Creek, near Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Nevada mountains. The water is brought in an eighteen inch flume, four miles long, to a spur overlooking the Washoe Valley, 2100 feet above the Virginia and Truckee Railroad track. There it is received in an iron pipe, which descends into the valley, crosses it and ascends on the other side to the height of 1540 feet above the railroad track at Lake View station. The length of this inverted siphon is a little less than seven miles. The amount of water thus introduced into the city is two million gallons per day, though this rate can be largely increased by a continuous full head of the supply. The leading of such a stream of water across such a valley is said to have no parallel in hydraulic engineering. The pressure on the pipe is enormous, and is estimated as the same as a column of water 1730 feet high. The orifice of the pipe is 12 inches in diameter. At the point where the pressure is greatest it is five-sixteenths of an inch in thickness, and riveted together with five-eighths inch pipe-rivets. As the pressure grows less, the thickness of the pipe is decreased gradually till it reaches one-sixteenth of an inch. The amount of rolled iron used in the manufacture of the pipe is 1,150,000 pounds. A million rivets were used in its construction. It took 50,000 pounds of lead to fasten the joints of the sections. Before being accepted for use, each length of pipe was heated to the temperature of 380°, and plunged in a bath of asphaltum and coal tar, to prevent corrosion. The line of pipe is compelled to twist and curve to fit the inequalities of the ground, and crosses 13 steep canyons. At the bottom of each depression there is a blow-off cock, used to remove any sediment that may accumulate. At each elevation is an air vent. The water, when received into the pipe from the flume passes through wire screens and charcoal.

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Royalty at Sheffield.

The *Ironmonger* gives an interesting account of the recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales and suite to the works of Messrs. Joseph Rogers & Sons, Sheffield, from which we condense the following, with only the passing remark that we should think the visit would have been a great deal more interesting if fewer preparations had been made. The last paragraph will be especially interesting to American manufacturers. When we have said the same thing in substance, the English papers have usually felt it incumbent upon them to deny it:

As soon as it was definitely known that their Royal Highnesses would visit the works, the show rooms, the approaches to them, and other parts of the great premises were placed in the hands of the most skilled of decorators and upholsterers, and were by them transformed into marvels of beauty and elegance. The royal party arrived at the works on the Tuesday afternoon about two o'clock. In addition to their Royal Highnesses there were the Duke of Norfolk and his sisters, the Ladies Howard, Lord and Lady Manners, Lord Wharfedale, the Archbishop of York, the Mayor and Mayoress, &c. They were received in the entrance hall by Mr. Newbold, chairman of the company; Mr. Joseph Rogers, vice-chairman; Mr. Bardwell, Mr. Melstrop and Mr. Watson directors. The royal party first proceeded to see the elementary work of making cutlery, and to avoid tediousness and to facilitate the view the manufacturing forces were concentrated. Five forging shops had been converted for the occasion into a miniature manufactory, and in them the royal party saw from a magnificently upholstered pavilion the entire process of forging the blades of knives. From the same pavilion could be seen workmen industriously engaged in various departments of knife manufacture. One man was engaged carving a figure of Shakespeare on ivory handles. The attention of Her Royal Highness was arrested by the ease and skill with which he performed his work, and at the request of the Princess he entered into a description of his beautiful art. The next operation of interest witnessed was the "putting together" of pocket knives, a prominent specimen among which was the "Royal Motto Knife," the handle of which contained excellent likenesses of their Royal Highnesses, and also of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. With these knives they were immensely pleased. Next were visited the table cutlery warehouse, where a large number of young women were engaged wiping and wrapping up finished goods; and then the manager's room, in which is kept an immense stock of ivory handles. The various descriptions of ivory were inspected with much interest, and, in answer to questions, they were informed that the rich creamy looking ivory from Africa was the best. Proceeding along a corridor expressly erected for the occasion, the visitors came upon a "grinding wheel," one of the queerest looking places that could well be imagined. In it some twenty men were engaged grinding and polishing knife blades, razors and scissors, and, undeterred by the noise, the royal party sat down at the end of the room and listened with evident interest to the explanations given of the operations that were going on.

The last and most deeply interesting place of all to be inspected were the show rooms. They were most elaborately and gorgeously decorated and fitted up, and contained, perhaps, as large and unique a collection of cutlery and plated goods as was ever seen. To illustrate the skill and ingenuity of workmen, the royal party were shown twelve pairs of scissors, of microscopic proportions. Then by way of contrast there was pointed out a mammoth pair of carvers six feet in length, with handles of solid ivory. Glass cases containing the choicest productions of the firm were examined; every description of knife and razor and scissor, hafted in every description of material, and ornamented in the highest style of art or got up in the plainest manner possible. One case arrested the attention of the Prince. It contained a lot of sporting knives; and amongst them a Highland dirk, similar to those made for the King of Siam. The handle is of carved ivory mounted with silver. Then came the really unique productions of the firm. First of all, the "Norfolk" knife, containing 230 instruments—all dissimilar, all perfectly separate, all closing into one handle, and forming really a pocket knife. On the blades are etchings of royal personages and royal residences, and also of places of local interest. The handle is of carved pearl; and on one side is a representation of a boar hunt, and on the other side of a stag hunt. The backs of the blades are exquisitely ornamental. It has been exhibited on several occasions, and has never failed to be regarded as a marvelous piece of workmanship and skill. It has been the practice of the firm for some time to manufacture every year a knife containing as many blades and instruments as there are years in the Christian era. When the royal visitors had pointed out to them a knife containing 1875 blades they were filled with astonishment, and well they might be, for such an instrument is not to be seen anywhere else. The knife this year is regarded as one of the finest pieces of cutlery in the world. There was also shown a miniature sporting knife, about an inch in length, which had no less than 75 blades. These and other curiosities were pointed out, as well as what might be termed the ordinary productions of the firm, and in inspecting them all the royal visitors took the deepest interest.

Just before the departure of their Royal Highnesses Mr. Newbold exhibited to them a magnificent case of ladies' cutlery wrought in solid gold. The case included four pairs of ladies' scissors studded with gold, a gold thimble, a richly chased gold-handled penknife, bodkin and other articles. The whole was enclosed in a shield case of puce velvet, lined with white satin. Mr. Newbold informed her

Royal Highness that the case had been made expressly for her use, and in the name of the company begged her acceptance of it. For the Prince a splendid pocket sporting knife had been prepared. The handle was of pearl with gold fittings, on one end the Prince of Wales' feathers and on the other a richly engraved coronet in solid gold. After the specialties of this really elaborate piece of workmanship had been pointed out, Mr. Newbold asked his Royal Highness to accept it.

The workmen employed by the firm number from 800 to 1000, and they were immensely pleased with the gracious manner in which the royal pair acknowledged their expressions of loyalty. Their Royal Highnesses have seen how cutlery is manufactured; but they would be gravely mistaken if they thought the operation was generally carried on under circumstances as favorable as they witnessed it at Messrs. Rogers. There is no one of our local trades that is carried on in dirtier, more unhealthy workshops; no trade in which a great mass of the workpeople are more wretchedly remunerated; no trade in which there is more gambling and drinking, and, consequently, no trade in which there is more poverty and squalor and want. The efforts made by employers to introduce variety and a higher style of art into the trade generally are not appreciated by the workmen, who handicap any new pattern with such penalties that it cannot be brought out to advantage. What is felt to be needed is a thorough revision of all the terms existing between the masters and the men; but such a reform is scarcely probable. Both sides admit that the ordinary work of making knives is underpaid, and the men endeavor to recoup themselves by charging out of proportion for every "extra" required. The old trade is full of anomalies, but the fathers submitted to them, and the children appear content to do the same.

Electro-Plating.

Gilding by galvanic action was produced as a laboratory experiment as early as 1805; but it was more than thirty years afterward, or about 1835, that this interesting process was formally applied to the arts, substantially as now done. As it may interest some of our readers to learn how this interesting process is accomplished, we append a brief description as follows: For coating articles with silver, a bath is made consisting of one part of cyanide of silver to two or three parts of cyanide of potassium, dissolved in about 150 parts of water. The article to be plated is made the negative pole, and the plate of silver from which the plating is derived is made the positive pole, both being connected by suitable wires with a galvanic battery of an intensity suited to the amount of work to be done. The silver, when deposited upon the article to be plated, has a dead, silvery appearance, and wherever luster is required it is brought out by a suitable application of polishing appliances. Great care is taken to have the articles to be plated thoroughly cleaned by acids, and rinsed in clear water. Every particle of grease or corrosion must be carefully removed, or the plating will not adhere. Any thickness of metal may be given according as it may be desired, by keeping the article in the bath for a longer or shorter period. From three to six hours is the time usually employed. For silver, one-half an ounce to a square foot forms a very suitable plate.

In gold plating, the double cyanide of gold is employed in the solution, instead of the cyanide of silver as above described, while the positive pole consists also of a plate of gold. Paper and other fibrous materials may be electro-plated by first rendering them good conductors of electricity. This may be accomplished by immersing such articles for two or three hours in a solution of nitrate of silver, with ammonia added, until the precipitate first formed is entirely dissolved again. After this immersion, the articles are thoroughly dried, and then exposed to a current of hydrogen gas, by which means the silver is reduced to a metallic state, and the articles are rendered sufficiently good conductors to be electro-plated in the usual manner. Fibrous articles so prepared are as yet considered as mere curiosities, although the Art is a beautiful one, and one which might be utilized to much advantage in the way of ornamentation.

An Important Coal Discovery in Wyoming Territory.

An extensive deposit of very excellent coal has lately been discovered in Uintah county, Wy. T., 18 miles Northwest of Carters Station, on the Union Pacific Road. It has been named the Mammoth Sandstone Mountain Coal Mine. It was discovered by Mr. Crocker, of Logan, Utah, from information given him by an old Indian. The vein is in a sandstone mountain about four and a half miles long, running north and south, facing east, and about three-quarters of a mile across; the mountain dipping suddenly at each end. There are sixteen veins of coal in sight, the bottom one is the smallest, being five feet; the next is the largest and most easy of access, and is upward of 70 feet thick; the next above is 60 feet; another, of 40 feet; another of about 30 feet; five of about 20 feet each, and five of 16 feet each. The last one is about 13 feet, altogether about 400 feet of coal, four and a half miles long; in fact, it may be correctly termed a mountain of coal.

The veins lay at an angle of 22°, with ledges of white sandstone intervening. The coal is very bright, is perfectly free from slate or dirt, and is said to be of the best quality. A small quantity of the croppings from the 70 feet vein has been tested for coke by John McVicker, an assayer of Salt Lake City, who states that it yields 52 and two-tenths per cent., which may be considered a very good return. Professor Pontez, of Omaha, geologist to the Union Pacific Railroad, has made an investigation of the mine, and reports it as the finest

deposit of coal in Western America. The Professor is now in Omaha, making out maps of the coal region, and the route to it by way of Bear River, which he intends to take to San Francisco about the 1st September, to lay before the Directors of the Central Pacific Railroad. It is understood to be the intention of the owners to lease the mine, taking a royalty on each ton mined.

Shafting for the Centennial.

We have received the following from the Director General of the United States Centennial Commission:

Manufacturers of machinery are invited to send to the Director General of the International Exhibition, at the office of the Commission, No. 903 Walnut street, until 4 o'clock, p. m., Saturday, October 15th, 1875, propositions for one to eight lines of shafting, including hangers, couplings and main driving and guide pulleys, for supplying power in Machinery Building; seven lines of shafting to be 624 feet in length, and to transmit 180 horse-power, and one line to be 352 feet in length, and to transmit 120 horse-power, to be applied at the ends of the shafts, the bearings, except for the head shafts, to be eight feet apart; hangers to have 13 inches drop, except those for the head shafts, which will be 11 inches.

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If accepted, it will be subject to the control of the Commission, from that date until the close of the exhibition, and will be considered as having been entered for exhibition.

For more detailed information, parties wishing to make proposals will be furnished with "tracings" on application, by the Chief of the Bureau of Machinery.

The Centennial Commission reserves the right to reject any or all propositions that may be made in answer to this circular.

A. T. GOSHORN,
Director General.

JOHN S. ALBERT,
Chief of Bureau of Machinery.
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20, 1875.

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with the blast was greatly superior to that obtained without it, though the fuel used in both was about the same in kind and quality. From the mixtures of pig iron used to make the usual quality of sheets of the angles gauge, sheets were produced equal to those which had heretofore required the employment of a very superior pig iron. The sheets had been stamped into L and T shapes, and had also been galvanized. The process enabled Barrow iron, which is commonly red short when worked by itself, to be rolled into sheets of a thin gauge, without displaying any of the red-short evidences which had before attended the manipulation of that iron at the same works without the blast; but the somewhat heavy loss in yield with this class of iron was still apparent. It was explained that what had already been done would be followed up by the application of the use of other mixtures, and by the use of other mixtures, and Mr. Molinex said that he was satisfied with the results hitherto attained, and expressed his belief that further experiments would bring about progressive improvements in all respects. He had, he said, been greatly pleased with the candid and disinterested manner in which Mr. Rogers introduced the subject to his notice. Mr. Rogers had said: "I have obtained certain striking results in America, and I want to know if the same cannot be got here. If you like to make the experiments I will give you my help; and if they don't succeed I will defray any extra cost to which you may be put."

The visitors spoke their warm obligations to Mr. Molinex and Mr. Rogers for the opportunity they had afforded them of seeing what was being done at the blast stage in the iron works, which the principle is being put at the Bull Bridge Works, and expressed their interest in the further experiments upon which Mr. Molinex was entering. It was generally admitted that it was impossible by the old hand process to produce with the same mixtures of pig sheets of the quality which were turned out by the aid of the blast.

Mr. Rogers, addressing the visitors, said that the application of the blast at the top of the furnace had proved a big thing in America, and he wished to learn by actual experiment if the same results could be attained in England. So excellent had been the issue in America, that notwithstanding it had been widely stated that it was impossible to make tin plates of American coke iron, he was now doing it from the ordinary Lucy pigs. They were so named after the furnace in which they were made. From this iron he was producing tin plates which were as good as those got in the customary way from charcoal pigs. He knew something about charcoal iron, for he had seven charcoal furnaces at his works. That the coke sheets made with this blast were equal to charcoal he found by sending some to customers, who usually bought charcoal sheets from him. He mixed the two, and the consumers in using them could not tell by the results which were charcoal and which were coke, both being equally excellent. Again, he had sold puddled coke iron to a firm in New York, and that firm had preferred it to charcoal iron, explaining that it was more uniform in its quality. He was likewise a large producer in America of iron for stamping and galvanizing. One order upon the books of his firm was for five thousand bundles of sheets to be galvanized and stamped into manhole covers, and corners and the like, all of which required a very good quality to bear the stamping to which it was subjected. Yet this quality he was able easily to produce from Lucy coke pig by the use of the blast. His men were partial to the invention; and well they might be, seeing that by using the blast they could, with less labor, get out five heats in the time hitherto required to complete four.

THE SCOTCH PIG IRON MARKET was rather stiffer during the greater part of the week just ended, and warrants at one time reached 64/10. This was on the Wednesday afternoon, but next day a slight release set in, and during the remainder of the week a lower tone prevailed. There was, nevertheless, an advance in several brands of makers' irons, as will be seen by the appended quotations, which did not prevent a good shipping business being effected. Freight rates are unchanged, as also is the price of ballast pig iron. There are at present 114 furnaces in blast in Scotland, as against 112 at the corresponding period of last year. Connal's stores contain 48,801 tons—an increase for the week of 4485 tons—and 28,800 more than at the same date in 1874. In the face of this heavy storage I do not believe it to be likely that prices will go up, if, indeed, it is possible to maintain them at the present level.

Writing from Glasgow, on the evening of September 3, Messrs. James Watson & Co. said: "The warrant market opened lively this week at 64/3, cash, but advanced to 64/9 on Wednesday, consequent upon advances on makers' quotations. Since then price has receded to 63/10 1/2, cash, closing thereat. Shipments last week were 10,232 tons, against 8751 tons in the corresponding week of 1874."

	No. 1.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow	63/	64/6
Gartsherrie	73/	64/6
Coltness	75/6	65/6
Summerlee	66/6	65/6
Langloan	71/	64/6
Carbarnon	65/6	63/6
Cal. cr. at Port Dundas	71/6	63/6
Glensarnock, at Ardrossan	69/	64/
Edinburgh	64/6	63/
Dalmellington	65/6	63/6
Shotts, at Leith	73/	64/6
Kinnell at Boness	63/6	61/

Messrs. Wm. Colvin & Co. (Glasgow, Sept. 7) report thus: "The warrant market was very steady all last week, with business done from 64/9 to 64/4, cash, closing on Friday with sellers at the latter price. On Monday the tone was not so firm, the price ranging from 63/8 to 63/7. To-day there has been a more active demand, and the price advanced from 63/3 to 63/9, closing with buyers at the best, sellers asking 64/1, either for cash or one month open, and 63/9 one month fixed. The undernoted quotations for makers' iron show very trifling alterations on those of last week. There is still an extra demand for one or two special brands, but there is no pressure for ordinary iron, which has lately gone freely into store. The quantity of iron against which warrants can now be issued amounts to 55,000 tons. The Middlesbrough market is reported firmer to-day, 58/ paid for No. 1, and 55/ for No. 3, for immediate delivery.

	No. 1.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow	64/6	63/
Gartsherrie	73/6	64/6
Coltness	75/6	65/6
Summerlee	66/6	65/6
Langloan	71/	64/6
Carbarnon	65/6	63/6
Nonland	65/	63/
Clyde	65/	63/
Govan, at Broomfield	65/	63/
Calder, at Port Dundas	72/6	64/
Glensarnock, at Ardrossan	69/	64/
Edinburgh	64/6	63/6
Dalmellington	65/	63/
Carroll, at Arranmouth	65/	63/
Shotts, at Leith	73/	65/
Kinnell, at Boness	63/6	61/
Bar Iron	58/	57/
Nail Road	59/0	

Week ending Sept. 4, 1875. Tons. 10,616
Sept. 5, 1874. 9,433
Increase. 1,183
Total increase for 1875. 10,837
Messrs. John E. Swan & Bros. (limited) prices current gives the following:

Glasgow Brands.	Forward, 114	Forward, 94	Forward, 114	Forward, 94	Forward, 114	Forward, 94
Gartsherrie	13	3	16	23	64/	63/
Coltness	18	1	12	75/	65/	63/
Summerlee	5	1	8	66/	63/	61/
Langloan	7	0	3	74/	64/	61/
Govan	4	0	5	64/6	63/	61/
Calder	2	2	8	72/	63/	64/
Beechmor	5	1	6	73/	65/	64/
Shotts	4	2	6	66/	63/	61/
Cambroo	3	1	3	64/6	63/	60/
Wishaw	9	0	9	64/6	63/	61/
Monkland	5	0	6	65/6	63/	61/
Chap. Hall	4	1	6	64/6	63/	61/
Clyde	5	0	6	65/6	63/	61/
Quarter-Clyde	4	1	6	64/6	63/	61/

* f. o. b. Glasgow, 1/ per ton, extra.

Glasgow Warrants, 3-5 No. 1; 2-5 No. 3, g. m. b., 63/9.

WEST COAST BRANDS—f. o. b. Ardrossan.

	No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Glenamock	7	2	9
Ardeer	4	1	5
Edginton	6	2	8
Lugar	4	0	4
Muirkirk	3	0	3
Portland	6	2	8
Dalmellington	6	2	8

EAST COAST BRANDS—f. o. b. in the Forth.

	No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Kinnell	3	1	4
Almond	3	1	4
Carron (Seld.)	3	1	4
Lochelly	0	2	3
Lumphinnans	0	2	3
Brighens	0	2	3

TRADES OF SHEFFIELD.

In some quarters there is just now an evident disposition to believe that an improvement has come about as regards certain branches of the local iron trade, and that as the autumn grows this amelioration will be more appreciably felt. Other manufacturers, however, fail to perceive the force of this hopeful view of the situation, and declare that they are now fully as badly off for orders as they have been any time this year.

It is, at any rate, certain that ordinary pig iron is firmer in price and that producers are inclined to ask more money for very short dated forward contracts. It is, of course, possible that the renewed firmness of the Scotch pig iron market may have had this effect, but if the Glasgow advance has been brought about by the efforts of speculators, as is asserted, it would appear that a relapse must shortly take place. Last week some of the leading makers of best Yorkshire iron announced a drop of £2 per ton off boiler plates and £1 off bars. This reduction applies more particularly to Lowmoor iron, the leading figures for which are now: Lowmoor bars, round, flat or square, £21 per ton; boiler plates, up to 2 1/2 in. each plate, £24 10/; railway sleepers, either welded or blocked, £22 to £22 10/; axles with collars or made to special drawings, £22 to £22 10/; double crank axles for locomotives, forged, £22 10/ to £23; rough turned, £23; and finished, £108, all at the works, near Bradford. It should not, however, be inferred from this that common Derbyshire and Yorkshire merchant iron is cheaper or likely to become so if one may place full credence on what the producers of that class of iron allege. They state that quotations for common merchant bars—£7 15/ to £8 2/6, at the works—are already at the very lowest possible limit, and that, as a solid and plain matter-of-fact statement, there is really no profit attendant upon making the iron and selling it at these low figures. Should pig iron grow any dearer they must put up prices in order not to incur a positive loss, and if they cannot then force sales the consequence will be that their works must stand for a time.

So far as hematite pig iron is in question, there is so restricted a demand that sales are very limited, at about the following leading quotations: Maryport, hematite, No. 3, 77/6; No. 4, 77/6; No. 5, mottled and white, 77/6; Bessemer, No. 1, 89/; No. 2, 77/6, and No. 3, 77/6, all per ton. Milbourn Bessemer, No. 1, 80/; No. 2, 77/6, and No. 3, 75/; ordinary, No. 3, 75/; No. 4, 74/; No. 5, 75/; mottled, 80/; and white, 75/; all per ton, with the usual allowance for cash. The Bessemer steel trade remains very quiet, owing to the almost general inactivity of the local and districts' rail mills. A small quantity of Bessemer steel is being used for culinary and other purposes, but in these instances a little steel goes a long way. Bessemer iron, rolled from the same furnace as the steel, at 27/5, to 27/10, and then etailed at 27/10, is the quality generally used by the cutlery manufacturers and other light hardware manufacturers, who had always, up to very recently indeed, previously made use of common cast steels.

The cast steel manufacturers as a body are anything but busily engaged, but most of them are able to find their workmen three or four days' work per week on single shifts, either on orders or for stock. Two or three of the oldest firms have good commissions on hand for their special classes of tool steel for regular home or foreign customers. At one large establishment of this class I hear that large quantities of Swedish iron of the best quality are being rolled into nail rods for an eminent Leeds firm which has adopted a patent American horse nail manufacturing machine. This machine has, he believes, been fully tested by him, and having proved quite equal to the expectations which had been formed of it, is now in steady operation under the superintendence of a gentleman from the other side of the Atlantic. The nails are made in great quantities daily by the machine, and are said to be fully as shapely, tough and serviceable as any that could be made in the old-fashioned manner by hand. It would seem to be within the bounds of probability that we may presently have a strike of colliers on a large scale in this district. The adjourned conference between the finance committee of the South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Coal Owners' Association (Mr. Chas. Markham, Staveley, chairman) and a deputation from the Miners' Association, headed by Mr. John Normansell, took place at Sheffield on Monday. The deputation stated that they were not empowered by their constituents to concede any reduction at present, and they had to ask that the arrangement which had been in force during the past four months should be continued forward by both sides for a further period of three months. This reply practically amounted to a refusal to accede to the masters' demand for a drop of 10 per cent. The coal owners adjourned for a week, when they will determine what course to pursue. If they persist, I am afraid the men will resort to a general strike. Earl Fitzwilliam, having again been importuned by his late workmen either to reopen the Low Stubbin Colliery or submit to arbitration, has replied that he will not reopen the pit, and further, that he "would never entertain the idea of arbitration between himself and his workmen who are always at liberty to leave his service (on giving proper notice) if they are dissatisfied."

The annual report of the directors of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company, Limited, is a very favorable document at this juncture. The year's profits are £18,760, making with £22,111 brought forward, a total

of £165,873 available for dividend. The total dividend for the year out of this amount is £10 per share on the A and C shares, and £1 13/4 on the B and D shares, leaving a balance of £35,538 to be carried forward. Various new undertakings of the company are progressing in a favorable manner. The Sheffield Forge and Rolling Mill Company, Limited, has made a profit of £2651 on the year's transactions, furnishing a dividend of 7 1/2 per cent. A meeting of the Silstone Fall Colliery Company, Limited, was held at Barnley on Monday. This company was formed in 1871 with a capital of £50,000, the first dividend paid was one of 25 per cent., presumably out of capital. In March last the capital was reduced to £10,000 and the colliery was abandoned as utterly worthless. It was now stated that the colliery was quite unfit for use, and it was therefore proposed to wind up the company, which the chairman of the meeting characterized as "a worthless and wretched concern."

There is a fair amount of work doing in several branches of the cutlery trade. In one or two of the higher class departments I hear that the workmen have been granted an advance in wages, equal, I believe, to about five per cent. Good African Ivory is very scarce and dearer, the best being now quoted at about £1400 or £1500 per ton. Inferior is £900 to £1100 in England.

SWEDISH IRON.

The Engineer has the following rather pertinent paragraph, about Swedish iron: "Swedish iron masters are pushing business by intimating to certain of their agents in this country that there is a probability of prices being declared up during the ensuing winter; and agents are, of course, acting upon the intimation, and are in their turn trying to push business on this side. Messrs. Lander & Larsson, of Birmingham, state that owing to the increased demand during this year for all the well-known brands of Swedish charcoal nail rods, wire rods, bars, boiler plates, sheet iron and pig iron, &c., they have an unusually small quantity for disposal previous to the probable frost setting in. As they fear that there may be a severe winter again, they advise buyers to order immediately, and thus to secure their supplies before the winter sets in. They have received advices from Sweden that Swedish iron will, in all probability, be increased in price at an early date. All the iron that comes from Sweden is, no doubt, Swedish iron, but it would be interesting to know what the Swedes do with the large consignments of pig iron which they take from England. In the Engineer's attention has been drawn to the fact that as many as 240 tons of Cleveland pigs were shipped from Middlesbrough to Sweden during the month of July. Do all the people who buy Swedish iron 'see that they get it?'"

BIRMINGHAM AND STAFFORDSHIRE.

The weekly iron trade meetings at Birmingham and Wolverhampton have not brought about any particular alteration in the general state of the iron trade, but a settlement of the wages of the puddlers and mill men has been arrived at. Puddlers' wages are fixed at 9/ per ton, but with the sanction of the Arbitration Board to individual arrangements, whereby extra sum, not exceeding sixpence per ton, is allowed to be paid to cover certain alleged discrepancies. The millmen's wages are to be reduced 5 per cent. The effect of this is that the puddlers' wages are restored to 9/6 per ton, so that it is supposed they will settle down to work again contentedly. Common irons are a little firmer in price in Staffordshire, unmarked bars being £8 to £8 5/; and sheets (single) at £11. Sheets are now selling fairly well for ordinary uses and galvanizing purposes. Other descriptions are not moving off at all rapidly. Good consignments of implements, tools and machinery are being made to Russia and Northern Europe, and better orders are to hand from France and Norway for all kinds of hardware. Wrought hollow wires are selling freely, as also are locks, notwithstanding the recent rise in prices. The brass foundry continue to be remarkably busy, and the fancy jewelry trade is well engaged.

ANOTHER IRON TRADE FAILURE.

It is announced that Messrs. Samuel Freeth & Co., of the Phoenix Iron Works, Millwall, and the West Draxton Iron Works, have suspended payment, and the books are in the hands of Messrs. Robert A. Maclean & Co. The liabilities are estimated at £30,000, and the assets at £11,000. A petition for liquidation has been presented, and Mr. Maclean has been appointed receiver and manager of the works, which are being continued by him.

SOUTH WALES.

Matters remain very flat indeed in this locality, the iron works being only engaged irregularly, and then merely to the extent of about one-sixth of their total productive powers. Downias has a few rail orders on hand for Russia, and is said to be likely to obtain one for 2000 tons more from the same quarter. Cyfarthfa is said to be doing a little at several other establishments everything is in trim to take advantage of the first favorable iron trade breeze.

THE METAL MARKETS.

were quiet on Monday. On Tuesday 30 tons Chili bars, named brands, sold at £32 11/; 35 tons ditto at £32; 50 tons g. o. b. at £32 10/; 50 tons Straits tin, spot, at £32 10/ to £32; and 20 tons September-October, ditto, £31 10. On Wednesday no Walaroo could be had, 10 tons Straits tin sold at £32 10/; and 30 tons Australian £30 10/ to £31 10. On Thursday the market was expectant of a carter for copper, ten tons Straits sold £32, cash, 30 tons Australian £30 10/; and English £30. On Friday copper was desired on the first, and having proved quite equal to the expectations which had been formed of it, is now in steady operation under the superintendence of a gentleman from the other side of the Atlantic. The nails are made in great quantities daily by the machine, and are said to be fully as shapely, tough and serviceable as any that could be made in the old-fashioned manner by hand. It would seem to be within the bounds of probability that we may presently have a strike of colliers on a large scale in this district. The adjourned conference between the finance committee of the South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Coal Owners' Association (Mr. Chas. Markham, Staveley, chairman) and a deputation from the Miners' Association, headed by Mr. John Normansell, took place at Sheffield on Monday. The deputation stated that they were not empowered by their constituents to concede any reduction at present, and they had to ask that the arrangement which had been in force during the past four months should be continued forward by both sides for a further period of three months. This reply practically amounted to a refusal to accede to the masters' demand for a drop of 10 per cent. The coal owners adjourned for a week, when they will determine what course to pursue. If they persist, I am afraid the men will resort to a general strike. Earl Fitzwilliam, having again been importuned by his late workmen either to reopen the Low Stubbin Colliery or submit to arbitration, has replied that he will not reopen the pit, and further, that he "would never entertain the idea of arbitration between himself and his workmen who are always at liberty to leave his service (on giving proper notice) if they are dissatisfied."

Messrs. Kelly & Co.'s circular says: "Copper, after a quickened demand at an advance, on occasion, has got into a fit of steady dullness. High brands of Chili bars pass more freely. Regular is in request. Walaroo copper out of the market altogether. Tin has been in better request the last day or two, and there are appearances of further improvement. Tin plates have slightly improved in demand, with prices firmer. Lead has been favored recently with more attention, and a large business has been effected at full rates, and in some instances at an advance of 5/.

£24 15/.

Quicksilver advanced to £10 10/; and importers now refuse to name price; £11 11/ paid this afternoon.

The Mining Journal remarks: Copper.—Throughout the week the market has been steady, and though the actual business transacted has been somewhat limited, yet quotations have been more than maintained, the tendency being toward higher prices, more particularly as regards English quality, which is rather an exceptional feature in the market, but upon receipt of charters from the West Coast for the last fortnight in August, exhibiting a total of 3000 tons, the market has somewhat flattened, and Chili bars are not quite up to previous quotations, and buyers are prepared to do business at about £31 10/; but not higher. Sellers will not submit to such a concession, so that the market closes quiet. English tough, £28 to £30; best select, £30 to £31; sheet copper, 4x4, £35 to £36; and strong copper, £36 to £37. Australian qualities are quoted from £29 to £31, but with very little doing. The inquiry for yellow metal is limited. There are buyers at 7 1/2d, but sellers asking 7 3/4d to 8d, orders are difficult of execution. Spelter.—The demand is a little more active, and Silesian qualities are not obtainable under £24 10/ to £25. The market for English hard spelter is firm. There are buyers at £18 5/ to £18 10/; but since Silesian has improved makers are holding for higher prices. Lead.—A large business has been done during the week, and prices are consequently very firm. Good soft English pig is now quoted £23 to £23 5/; and smelters are indifferent about taking orders at these prices, and require a considerable time for delivery; indeed, some makers refuse to deliver any order over two months, and are disinclined to book orders at current rates. Quicksilver.—A considerable business has been doing during the week, at advancing prices, and to-day we quote £11 11/ per flask, nominal; but importers refuse at the moment to book further orders at the price. Tin.—The market has been fluctuating throughout the week, sometimes showing a slight advance, and at others a fall in price to the extent of not more than 10/ to 15/ per ton. Straits to-day is quoted at £32 10/ to £33, and Banca £33; Australian, £30 10/ to £31. Tin Plates.—There is very little doing, and the price remains very much unaltered.

Mr. James Hallow's Liverpool circular reports: "The metal market has improved considerably in some articles, while others remain as dormant as before. English copper has been in good demand, and prices have been advanced, which checks business. A decided improvement has taken place in Chili, and prices are about £4 per ton higher; this is owing to consumers and exporters buying freely. Market closes firm at £32 10/ for g. o. b.; select brands, 10/ to 30/ per ton more. Ore and Regulus.—Some considerable transactions have taken place on private sales—all at about 32 1/2 tons ore at 10/6 per unit, and 1880 tons regulus at 17/ per unit, all to arrive; also 600 tons ore at Swansea at 10/6 per unit."

Latest Liverpool prices are these:

Iron: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Merchant bar	7	17	6	8	2	6
Merchant bar, in Wales	7	7	6	7	12	6
Merchandise, in Wales	8	10	0	11	15	0
Hoop	9	10	0	11	0	0
Sheet	11	5	0	11	15	0
Nail rod	8	15	0	9	5	0
Bar, best crown	8	10	0	8	15	0
Boiler plates	11	5	0	12	0	0

Tin Plates: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Charcoal, I. C.	1	8	0	1	10	0
Coke, I. C.	1	2	0	1	4	0

Copper: Delivered in Liverpool, per ton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bolt and Sheathing	83	0	0	94	0	0
Tin	88	0	0	90	0	0
Tough	87	0	0	89	0	0
Best selected	90	0	0	91	0	0

The Plow in History.

A writer in the Maine Farmer gives the following interesting historical sketch of the plow: The first and most ancient plows that were used are represented as being forked sticks, with the shorter prong sharpened to scratch the ground, and the longer one used by which to draw it. Time has wrought great changes in the improvement of plows since those days; but still there is yet room for further improvement. Perhaps the next plow that came into use, that deserved the name, was made of wood sheathed with iron plates, with wrought iron share and a wooden standard with two pins put in by which to hold it. The first patent for a plow was granted in 1720 to Joseph Foljomb, of Rotherham, England. This, too, was made of wood, both the mold board and land side, with wrought iron share and a coulter. This was considered to be a great improvement over those previously used, and it is said that all plows made similar to this bore the name of Rotherham plows, for many years. The first cast iron mold board was invented in the year 1740 by James Small of Berwickshire, Scotland, and he continued their manufacture for about 50 years; but used the wrought iron share. Robert Ransom, of Ipswich, England, has the name of inventing the first cast iron share, in about the year 1785, but it was not until 1803 that he made the improvement in chisel-hardening the edges.

Probably the first cast iron plow that was made in America was made by Charles Newbold, of Burlington, N. J., and it was a plow with moldboard, land side and share, all in one casting; his first patent was dated June 17, 1797, and it is said that Mr. Newbold spent \$30,000 in a vain effort to get his plow into general use, the farmers being so prejudiced against their toat he gave up their manufacture in despair. About the year 1800, Peter Curtiss, of New York city, advertised and kept for sale cast iron plows. David Peacock, of New Jersey, in 1807, bought out N. bold (some of his patterns he made), and paid therefor \$1000, on which he made some improvements, such as casting the parts separately, and adding a wrought iron share with steel edge. Edwin A. Stevens, of Hoboken, N. J., in 1817 made improvements on Newbold's plow, as chiseling the cutting parts and edges so as to be more lasting, and also changing the form to make the draft easier. His patent was dated 1821; this plow was spoken quite highly of; but as other engagements were pressing, he abandoned the business, which might have been profitable to him. Josiah Du cher, in 1810, began to make a series of improvements to the cast iron plow, which proved to be of great benefit to the farmers, and also to the manufacturers of plows; but his name seems to be nearly forgotten.

Joel Nourse, of Boston, has made and sold as many plows as any man in America, probably; and perhaps as many improvements have been made under his supervision as that of any man. The immense plow business of Ruggles, Nourse & Mason was made a success probably by the high standing of Mr. Nourse as a plow manufacturer. The celebrated Eagle plows were good in their time, and the firm of Ruggles, Nourse & Mason and their successors, sold, it is said, in the period of twenty years—from 1841 to 1861—twenty-five thousand per year. Prouty & Mears also manufactured plows quite largely, and many were used throughout the country, and the Hitchcock plow was considered a very good implement. Mr. Mears of this firm was said to be a good mechanic and made many valuable improvements; the center draught principle, perhaps, being the most important.

From the earliest history of the plow to the present time, slow and steady has been the march of improvement. Subsoil plows have also been invented, and they have proved to be an important implement; and for soil free from rocks the one invented by Prof. Mapes, of New York, is perhaps as good as any. Steam plows have also been invented; one patented by Owen Reimond, of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Fawkes, of Pennsylvania, has invented one, and it has been tried on the prairies of Illinois, but with little success. Mr. Fowler also invented one, which has some good points, and on large enclosures may yet be made a success. Lord Dunmore, of Engand, invented one, which is said to be quite successful; it is a three furrowed balance plow, with traction engine. It is said at the time of trial the land was in a wet state after a heavy rain fall, and that it cut straight furrows ten by six inches, and five acres per day, at a cost of about one dollar per acre.

Cast Iron Car Wheels in England.

We are glad to see that our English neighbors, who have looked with suspicion and disfavor upon our cast iron car wheels with chilled tread, are getting over their prejudices and seeking to determine by experiment whether these wheels are as good as we have claimed them to be. The following paragraph, which we take from the Iron and Coal Trades Review, sounds very much like a condensation of an article which appeared in these columns some months ago:

"A number of gentlemen interested in railways, engineers and others, met at the machine works of Mr. Horn, Millbank Row, Westminster, recently, for the purpose of witnessing the results of tests applied to the 'cast iron chilled wheels' manufactured by Barnum, Richardson & Co., of the Salisbury Iron Works, Conn. The experience of America, where the frost is so severe, would, therefore, seem to be in favor of these wheels; but, as an opinion existed in England that they were easily fractured, the manufacturers resolved to try the question by experiment, and hence the appeal to the tests applied last week. These were certainly of a severe kind, and it was not until the wheels had been struck 267 times with two hammers weighing 28 lbs. and 32 lbs. respectively that the iron partially gave way. It is claimed for the wheels that they are not only the most safe, but the most durable and economical."

If these wheels are given a fair trial in practical service, we are satisfied it will be found that all that is claimed for them is realized in practice. Wheels which will run from 40,000 to 200,000 miles, and which are sold by the makers under a 40,000 mile guaranty, are something of which the

Brooklyn's Water Mains.

The first main, upon which Brooklyn depended for water until 1867, is 3 feet in diameter, and extends along the Cypress Hills plank road to Cooper avenue, down Cooper avenue, through Broadway and DeKalb avenue to Vanderbilt avenue, where it is reduced in diameter to 2½ feet. From thence it extends along DeKalb, through Fulton avenue and Jerusalem street to Clinton street, and along Clinton street to Hamilton avenue. A 30 inch branch main proceeds from the corner of DeKalb avenue and Broadway, along Broadway to Union avenue; and another branch main of the same calibre extends from the corner of DeKalb and Washington avenues, along Washington and Underhill avenues to the Prospect Hill engine house. Through the increased demand for water, this main soon became unequal to the supply; and in 1867 a second main was added. This main starts from the efflux-chamber parallel to the first, but soon bends to the south, and passes along the Jamaica turnpike and Atlantic avenue to Clinton street, where it is connected with the first main. Its diameter is 4 feet, and its total length 6½ miles. From the ends of these large mains, and at various points in their length, 10 twenty inch mains extend, conveying the water to the extremities of the city, and acting as temporary feeders during the repair of any portion of the principal mains. The larger mains were laid in such a manner as to penetrate the then centers of population, their branches to reach toward and into the outlying neighborhoods. Their capacity is at present far in advance of the needs of the people; but with the growth of the population they must fail, and an additional 5 foot main will eventually be laid on the north of the present mains, and extended to the center of the rapidly growing Eastern District. The loss of head at present does not exceed ten feet during the hours of heaviest draught. The pipes of which the mains are composed are of cast iron, varying in thickness with the pressure that they are called upon to sustain. A large number of them came from Glasgow, Scotland; the remainder from foundries in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. At convenient points along the line of the mains gates are placed to control the quantity of water flowing through them, as well as to cut off the water for repairs. The gates are inclosed in brick chambers, entered through an iron man-hole set in the surface of the street. The spindles of all of the gates are geared for power, with bevel gearing in the proportion of 3 or 4 to 1. The number of threads on the screws by which the valves are moved is usually either 4 or 5 per inch, so that it is necessary to turn the wrench 754 times with all the force that four men can conveniently exert to open or close a 48 inch gate. When the pressure is all upon one side of the valve, a much greater force than this is needed to raise it. From the number of the cross connections between the mains there is little danger of the supply being cut off by a break in either, except in that portion of the 48-inch main between Nostrand avenue and the reservoir, the failure of which would cause serious inconvenience upon the higher grades. The interior of the mains originally laid are now thickly covered with a coating of rust-nodes, or "tubercles," which resemble mushrooms in form, and are composed of oxide and carbonate of iron, with some clay. The inner surface of the pipe beneath these formations seldom appears corroded to any considerable extent; and the question has been often raised whether the iron in the rust was originally a part of the water or of the pipe. The great disproportion in bulk between metallic iron and its hydrated oxide will amply account for the existence of a large amount of the latter without any readily perceptible loss to the pipe. All of the mains and smaller pipes laid since 1863 have been coated, both inside and out, with a varnish of coal tar and linseed oil, into which each pipe is dipped, while hot, at the foundry. This coating affords an almost complete protection against the formation of tubercles.

The interior diameters of the mains and pipes at present in use are 48 inches, 36 inches, 30 inches, 24 inches, 18 inches, 12 inches, 8 inches, 6 inches and 4 inches. Originally the term "main" was applied to all pipes of 20 inches diameter and upward, and these were never allowed to be tapped for the purpose of private supply. Wherever water was required upon streets in which they were located, an additional pipe was laid. This was eventually found to result in a needless multiplication of pipes, and the 20 inch mains were permitted to be tapped in the same manner as the smaller pipes. At the outset, the ruling length of the pieces of which the mains and pipes are composed was 9 feet. They were then cast horizontally, or nearly so; and with a greater length, the sagging of the core, or mold of the interior, would have resulted in an inequality in thickness between the top and bottom. This mode of casting has since been changed, all of the pipes used at present being cast vertically and 12 feet in length. They are connected by inserting the spigot, or straight end, of one pipe into the hub, or bell-shaped mouth, of another, driving several strands of hemp into the annular space between the spigot and hub, pouring from 2 to 2½ inches of melted lead into the space, and finishing the joint by driving the lead compactly home with proper tools. This kind of joint admits of considerable movement of the pipe before it shows signs of leaking, and is readily made water-tight again by a few blows of the hammer. The pipes used are divided into two classes, according to their thickness, and designated as A pipe and B pipe by having these letters cast upon them. The A pipes are used upon grades higher than 50 feet above tide, the B pipe being used upon the lower grades. The pipes are cast by contract, at various foundries in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, among which are those at Camden, Florence, Conshohocken and Phillipsburgh. The Water Department invariably stations a resident inspector at the foundry where the pipes are being cast. It is his duty to look to the quality of the iron or ore used in the furnaces, and to protest against the introduction of improper material. When the pipes are cast, they are cleaned from the adhering portions of mold and core, and submitted to a preliminary hammer test by the inspector. This often results in the discovery of cracks from unequal shrinkage or from careless handling, porous cavities caused by the cooling of one portion in advance of another, masses of sand broken loose from the core and become imbedded in the iron, together with many other objectionable defects sufficient to warrant him in rejecting the casting without further trial. The pipes that are found apparently free from these defects are heated and immersed in a protective varnish and placed in the proving press, where they are subjected to an interior hydraulic pressure of from 250 to 350 pounds per square inch. While under this pressure, they receive several sharp blows of a hammer. If this test be satisfactory, they are weighed, marked and forwarded to the pipe yard at South Brooklyn, where they are again weighed and sent out, as occasion demands, to become a part of the general distribution. Each pipe has its number, class letter, date, and name of maker cast upon it, beside the weight marked in white paint. The average weight per foot of the several sizes of pipe is as follows: 4 inches, 24 lbs.; 6 inches, 37 lbs.; 8 inches, 49 lbs.; 12 inches, 75 lbs.; 18 inches, 120 lbs.; 24 inches, 180 lbs.; 30 inches, 240 lbs.; 36 inches, 410 lbs.; 48 inches, 712 lbs. The total weight of the iron pipe now lying in the streets exceeds 50,000 tons. In addition to the cast iron pipe, there is about 2 miles of cement-lined wrought iron pipe in use. The limited amount of this pipe that was laid was due to the prevailing distrust of its durability at that time. No leakage, however, in the existing 2 miles of pipe has been discovered during the past three years. At points where it is desirable to connect the pipes, special castings in the form of a cross or letter T are inserted; and also where fire hydrants are located, branches for that purpose are put in. Formerly the branch pipes leading to the fire hydrants were only 4 inches in diameter; at present they are increased to 6 inches, which admits of the use of several hose connections on the same hydrant, and more than doubles the supply of water. Seven different patterns of fire hydrant have been used upon the works, but none have proved so reliable as the original Coffin Hydrant, which, notwithstanding its unsightly wooden box, has given less cause of complaint, and has required less repair than any other form that has yet been tried. The total number of fire hydrants now in position is 2208. There are also 30 surface hydrants rising directly from the mains and covered with an iron manhole casting set in the surface of the street. These hydrants have a movable head containing the hose outlets, which is kept until wanted at some convenient locality near to the hydrant. Drinking hydrants, originally designed on the Holly Tree principle, to rescue the pedestrian from the allurements of the bar, have latterly been erected for the supply of people whose means do not permit them to introduce the water into their houses. They are a perpetual joy to amateur hydraulicians, and, at such times, a terror to the passer by. The present number upon the works is 850. Along the river front, and at several points on the line of the principal mains, are blow-offs, or outlets, for the purpose of drawing off the water for repairs to the pipes or to free them from sediment. The former discharge directly into the river—the latter into the sewers or into basins especially constructed for that purpose. The leading design in planning the pipe distribution has been to introduce into the various sections of the city one, or, if practicable, two, mains from different directions, and preferably from different sources, each of which shall prove adequate to the supply of that section when it shall have been solidly built. With this arrangement, in the event of an accident to either main, the other can still be relied upon. The connections with the principal mains are infrequent, lateral branches occurring only at long intervals, and provided with gates at such points, both upon the branch and upon the main. In the case of the 20-inch pipes, the ramifications are increased, frequently connecting with 6 inch pipes, which are always provided with a gate near the branch. This latter size is that principally laid for the general supply, while 8 and 13-inch pipes are interspersed at proper intervals, not that the streets in which they are laid require more water than others, but to facilitate the circulation and to serve as feeders to convey the water around any particular portion of the main that may be temporarily thrown out of use. The gates of the smaller pipes are set in wooden boxes with iron covers, usually on the building line of the street and six feet from the curb. The number of gates of all sizes now in use is 1793. The pipes are all laid at a depth of 4 feet below the surface of the pavement, and where practicable, upon the north or east side of the street, 6 feet from the curb. Some few exceptions to this occur in unusually wide streets and in those paved with an expensive pavement, in which case a pipe is laid under the sidewalk on either side of the street. Each separate supply is obtained by drilling a hole into the pipe and inserting a brass tap. This tap is perfectly smooth upon its driving point, and is not screwed, but simply driven in, retaining its place by friction. It has a movable plug similar to that of an ordinary faucet, and a coupling to connect it with the lead pipe, four feet of which is always laid next to the tap, although iron pipe may be used to carry the water into the premises. The water way of the taps used for the supply of private dwellings is three-eighths of an inch in diameter.

Factories and public buildings are supplied from half-inch and five-eighths inch taps, or from several of these connected with a single pipe, while large manufacturing establishments, as sugar houses, breweries, etc., are supplied through four-inch pipes. Many of these have also an independent line of four-inch pipe, carrying the water throughout the entire building, with hose attachments in every room, kept in readiness for immediate service in case of fire. House services are of lead, tin lined lead, iron, galvanized iron, and cement lined pipe. Most of these have their disadvantages. The lead pipe poisons the water, the iron pipe rapidly fills with rust, and the galvanized iron is even worse than the lead, in that wherever the zinc flakes off, or wherever a brass cock is placed, a galvanic action ensues at the expense of the zinc, contaminating the water with a metallic salt scarcely less detrimental to health than are the salts of lead. The cement lined pipe has not been used sufficiently to test its qualities.

The original pipe distribution comprised 10 miles of mains and 110 miles of distribution pipes. This amount has been annually increased until at the present time the total length is 16½ miles of mains and 276½ miles of pipe, or 292½ miles in all. Four submerged lines of pipe have been laid, two of which are still in use. One of these—a 12 inch pipe—supplies that portion of the city which lies along the shore of Gowanus Bay, and crosses the Gowanus Canal at the Penny Bridge; the other—a 6 inch pipe—lies in the bed of the Wallabout Channel, and carries the water to the Ordnance Dock of the Navy Yard.

Near the mouth of the Gowanus Canal is the pipe yard, at which the pipes and other appurtenances are received, inspected and kept until required for use. On Portland avenue, between Park and Myrtle, is the repair yard, where all of the material and implements necessary to remedy any defects in the distribution are stored. Here all of the water meters are tested and repaired, and all the perishable portions of the hydrants, gates, etc., kept constantly on hand. The number of tools, patterns, fittings, and miscellaneous supplies is immense, but all are arranged with such admirable system and order that each is readily found as occasion requires. The office of the repair yard is connected by telegraph with the City Hall, the Central Police Station, the reservoir, and the engine house. This yard is the headquarters of a corps of able and efficient men, who stand ready at all hours of the day or night to attend to any accident to the distribution. Water is popularly supposed to be one of the most innocent of substances; but when bursting from its confinement, with a pressure equal to that ordinarily existing in steam boilers, its capabilities for mischief are manifest. The veterans of the pipe yard tell of many scenes of excitement, if not of danger, at their midnight "leaks in main." A smaller establishment on North First street affords a rendezvous for a similar corps of men, though fewer in number, who keep the distribution of the Eastern District in a thorough state of repair.—*Ledger.*

The Newark Industrial Exhibition.

The fourth annual industrial exhibition at Newark, N. J., opened Monday evening of last week, in the building of the Industrial Institute, in Washington st., between Court and Marshall streets.

Formerly these exhibitions were restricted to goods made at Newark. This year the invitation has been extended to manufacturers in all parts of the State of New Jersey. The wisdom of this course is already apparent, as it deprives the exhibition of its strictly local character, brings visitors to the city from other parts of the State, and introduces features of general interest not before seen in the exhibitions. Newark has certainly a very wide range of manufacturing industries carried on within its limits, but as the chief city of the State it is, and should be, the point at which the State Industrial Exhibition is held.

On the night of the opening there was much disorder, and comparatively few departments were in condition to be inspected by the public. Most of the space filled was occupied by exhibits representing other than local industries. When the exhibition is fairly organized, we shall have something to say about such of the articles shown as are of especial interest to our readers.

The following are the officers of the Institute: David M. Keeler, president; Phineas Jones and Charles N. Lockwood, vice-presidents; Albert M. Holbrook, secretary; Isaac Gaston, treasurer, and 27 directors.

In the course of a brief address delivered at the hour of formal opening, Governor Bidle said: "This is an exhibition literally. No premiums for competition are offered. None need refrain from sending their wares and handiwork for fear of any unfair prejudice or design on the part of committees of award. Whoever exhibits here has the public for his judge and critic. The public is not slow to appreciate and reward genuine worth, whether in material things or in character. In mechanical arts the world is advancing with rapid strides. The lawyer, or the theologian, or physician, or philosopher must have the advantage of others' researches, and so must the mechanic of another's judgment and skill. No people catch and appropriate the force of an idea quicker than the American. An exhibition like this is a grand advertisement."

Undressing by Machinery.

The Jackson (Mich.) *Patriot* tells the following interesting story of what happened in the Etna Mills a few nights ago: About midnight some gearing in the extreme peak of the mill began to creak, and Mr. Cornell went up to oil it. It was in a low part of the room, well un-

der the eaves, and in applying the oil he was obliged to reach over a shaft. While stooping down a key on the shaft became caught in the breast of his shirt, and about the time he was through his job had taken up all the slack, and held him down, and was drawing him still tighter. He was thrown over the shaft, his light went out, and then in the dark he coolly braced himself and let the shaft slowly tear off his clothing by strips, and the undressing operation was not delicately performed either. It would not do for him to struggle much, as on either side was gearing within a few inches of him that seemed waiting to seize on a member and draw him into its destructive embrace. Gradually his clothes parted company with him, causing severe pain by the roughness of their taking off, and at last he felt he was no longer in the toils. Slowly he drew himself back, and wiping the heavy drops from his brow, brought out there by the agonizing strain of body and mind during the trying ordeal, he started to group his way down stairs, for he knew that cries of help would be unavailing, and would not be heard below.

On hands and knees he made his way, narrowly missing falling to the floor below, his outstretched hand going over the aperture, warning him of the danger and at the same time serving to tell him where he was. He crawled along under shafting and around posts, feeling his way along till he reached the head of the stairs, when he staggered to his feet and got down to the ground floor and appeared to his fellow workmen, pale and trembling, clad in the light and airy costume of a shirt collar and the waistband of his pants. His first remark was:

"Well, boys, I've stopped that squeaking."

The Importance of Sewer Drainage in Cities.

The city authorities of Baltimore are considering the question of draining that city by means of a system of sewers. The *Baltimore Gazette* makes the following pertinent remarks on the subject:

Possibly, the problems involved would have been thrust into public notice sooner, but for the topographical advantages possessed by our city in regard to surface drainage. The general cleanliness of our streets—so very striking to those who are familiar with the condition of other populous cities—is due largely to the undulations of the ground on which Baltimore is built, and to the three or four great drainage conduits that nature has provided, and through which, and by surface channels, the sewage has been carried year after year into the Basin, until it has become a pestilential pool. The time has now come, as it comes sooner or later to all large cities, when the sanitary errors of the past have to be corrected by the fuller knowledge and more thorough methods that modern science teaches, and which a proper regard for the preservation of the public health makes imperative.

The greater the space built upon, and the more crowded the community, the more abnormal the sanitary conditions are apt to be. Sudden increase has its evils, and one of these is, that underground drainage is too frequently neglected until the necessity for it is forced upon public attention. The warning comes to some cities in the shape of a terrible visitation of pestilence; others, less exposed to deleterious influences, or better prepared to neutralize them, are mercifully spared. It is necessary, nevertheless, even for the latter, that they pay constant regard not only to the cleanliness of their streets and by-ways, but also to those precautionary things that appertain to the ventilation and drainage, and freedom from malaria, of their dwellings. It should be constantly borne in mind that from the moment building begins, nature is put aside, and man must provide his own methods of meeting the new sanitary condition. In nature, the grasses, and the foliage of compact masses of woodland, play an important part in absorbing malarious emanations; appropriating the products of decay, and keeping the atmosphere pure and sweet. A city, "covers the soil from sunlight and sun-heat, and, necessarily, makes its condition as to moisture quite different. It interferes with the range of winds, and modifies the immediate thermometric and hygrometric conditions of the atmosphere. It throws the rainfall into streams upon the ground around its sides, instead of allowing it to diffuse itself, as it does in nature, in drops. In winter, it causes accumulations of snow and ice. It alters the course of water, making, not unfrequently, the cellar, the well, the cistern, the cesspool, the privy vault and the sewer, parts of its underground drainage. In a word, it alters the whole relation of the ground occupied, and of its immediate surroundings.

"Beside all this, the necessities of habitation create filth, garbage, dust and refuse of various kinds, which are added to the soil just where it cannot use them."

It was a theory advocated not long since before one of the learned societies of the United States that one of the causes of typhoid fever, in winter, was the great inner heat of houses ill drained, built on new ground, or otherwise defective in proper dryness and purity in their underground arrangements. It is easy enough for these defects to occur, even without the knowledge of the inmates. No offensive smell tells the tale of peril; no concrete or cement will thoroughly shut it out. When winter comes the heat of the furnace sucks up the contaminated air, and sends it to do its dangerous work over the whole house; into every apartment, nook and cranny.

It is a subject of vast importance, this of the particular healthfulness of our dwelling houses and of the general sanitary condition of the city. It has been well said that perfect under-drainage as devised by the best skill of the best en-

gineers is the first great need of all cities. Next to this is the proper care of cellars, back yards and all underground cesspools and reservoirs.

The work upon the foundations of the Bessemer Steel Works, attached to the Vulcan Iron Works, of Corondet, is making good progress, although the contractors have been much embarrassed and delayed by the flooding of the excavations during the recent rise in the river. No time will be lost by avoidable delays.

London Metal Market.

(From The Mining Journal.)

Copper—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
Best Selected.....	89	0	0	90	0
Tough Cake & Tie.....	88	0	0	90	0
Sheathing and Sheets.....	84	0	0	93	0
Boiler.....	82	10	0	96	0
Bottoms.....	85	0	0	97	0
Old.....	80	0	0	0	0
Australian, Wallaroo.....	80	0	0	91	0
other brands.....	86	0	0	89	0
Chili bars, G. O. B.....	82	0	0	93	0
Baire.....	81	0	0	93	0
Tubes.....	0	1	0	94	0
at works.....	0	0	0	94	0
Brass—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
Sheets.....	0	0	0	0	10
Wire.....	0	0	0	0	0
Tubes.....	0	0	0	0	11
Yellow Metal Sheathing.....	0	0	0	0	8
Sheets.....	0	0	0	0	0
Spelter—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
Foreign on the spot.....	28	15	0	24	0
"to arrive.....	28	15	0	1	0
Zinc—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
Best Selected.....	30	0	0	31	0
Quicksilver—£ bottle.	8	5	0	0	0
Tin—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
English Blocks.....	87	0	0	88	0
Best Bar (in press).....	87	0	0	88	0
Ditto Refined.....	89	0	0	90	0
Bancs.....	83	0	0	84	0
Strait.....	83	0	0	84	0
Australian.....	80	0	0	81	0
Tin Plates—£ box.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
IC Charcoal.....	1	13	0	1	12
IX.....	1	0	16	1	15
IX.....	1	8	0	1	9
IX.....	1	11	0	1	15
IX Coke.....	1	3	0	1	6
IX.....	1	0	0	1	13
Canada Plates.....	15	0	0	15	0
at works.....	14	10	0	15	0
Iron—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
Bar, Weldon, in London.....	7	15	0	8	0
"to arrive.....	7	15	0	7	17
Nail Rods.....	8	5	0	9	10
Nail Rods, Staff'd in London.....	8	15	0	9	10
Bars.....	9	0	0	9	0
Hoops.....	10	5	0	10	10
Bars at Works.....	8	5	0	8	10
Hoops ditto.....	9	5	0	11	0
Sheets, single, and plates.....	11	15	0	14	0
Fig. No. 1, in Wales.....	7	15	0	8	0
Refined metal ditto.....	7	0	0	8	0
Bars, common ditto.....	7	5	0	7	10
Do, merchant, Type or Tees.....	7	15	0	8	0
Ditto, Railway, in Wales.....	6	10	0	7	0
Ditto, Swedish, in London.....	15	0	0	15	0
"to arrive.....	15	0	0	15	0
Fig. No. 1, in Type.....	3	0	0	3	0
Ditto, f.o.b., Type or Tees.....	2	15	0	3	0
Ditto, Nos. 3, 4, f.o.b.....	2	15	0	2	15
Best Bar Chair.....	4	0	0	4	10
"Spices.....	12	0	0	12	0
Indian Charcoal Pigs in London.....	0	0	0	0	0
Steel—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
Swedish, in kegs (rolled).....	19	5	0	0	0
Ditto (hammered).....	20	0	0	0	0
Ditto, in kegs.....	18	0	0	22	0
English, spring.....	18	0	0	22	0
Lead—£ ton.	£.	s.	d.	¢.	¢.
English, P.P. common.....	23	0	0	—	0
Ditto, L.B.....	23	0	0	—	0
Ditto, W.P.....	23	0	0	28	10
Ditto, Sheet.....	24	0	0	0	0
Ditto, Red Lead.....	24	0	0	—	0
Ditto, White.....	35	0	0	32	0
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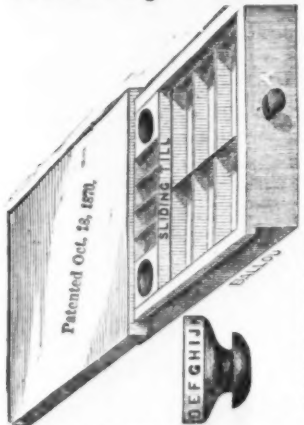
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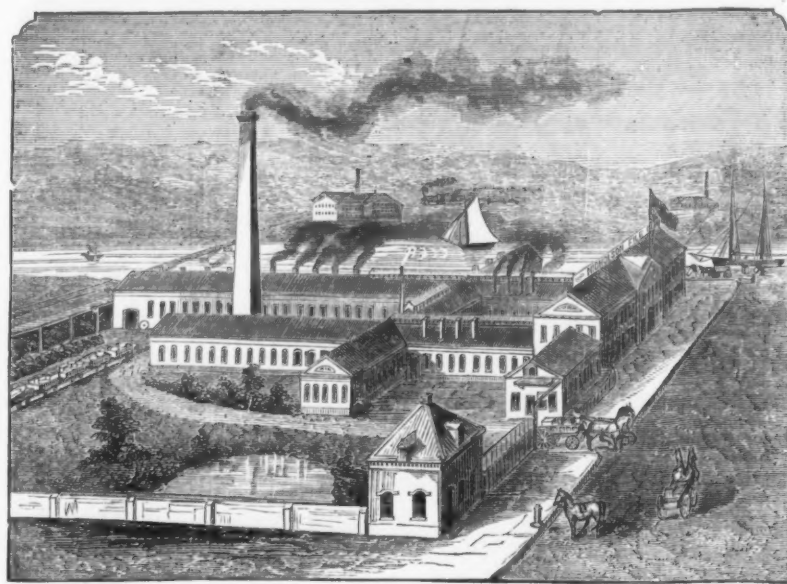
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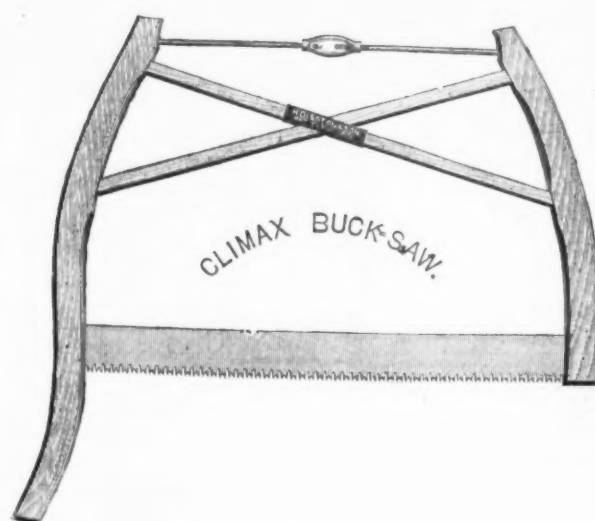
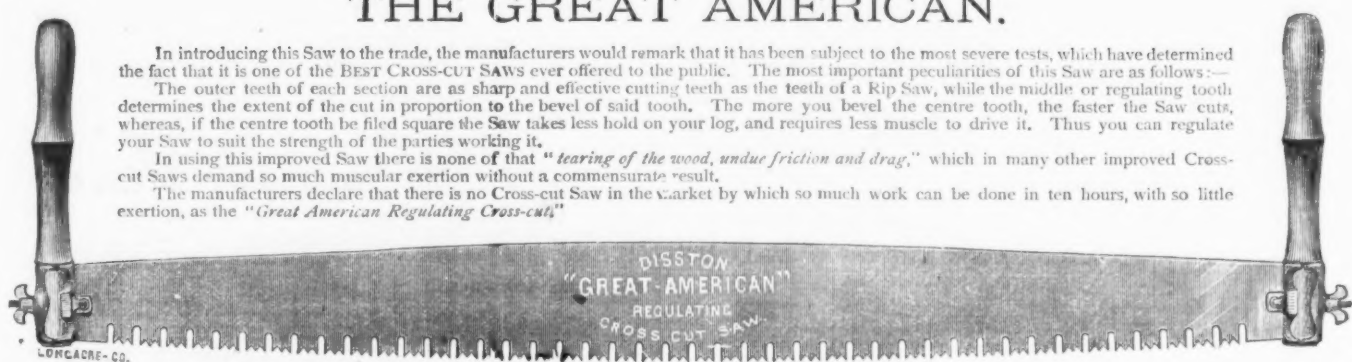
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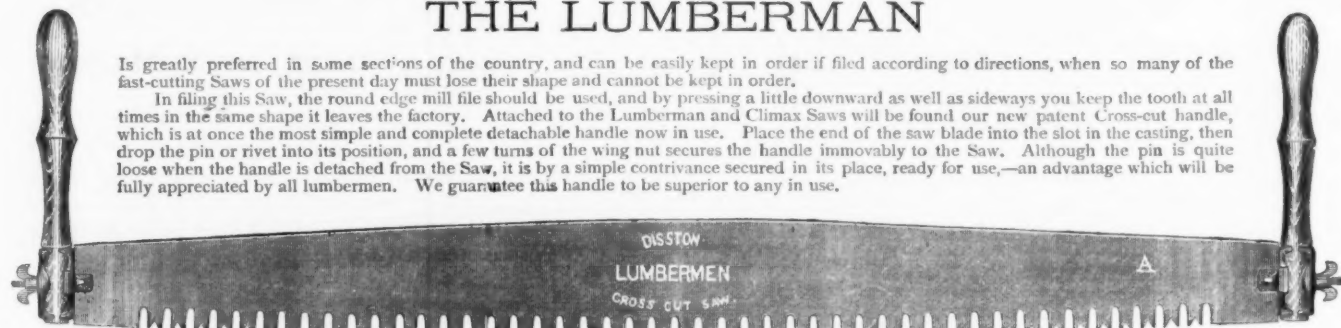
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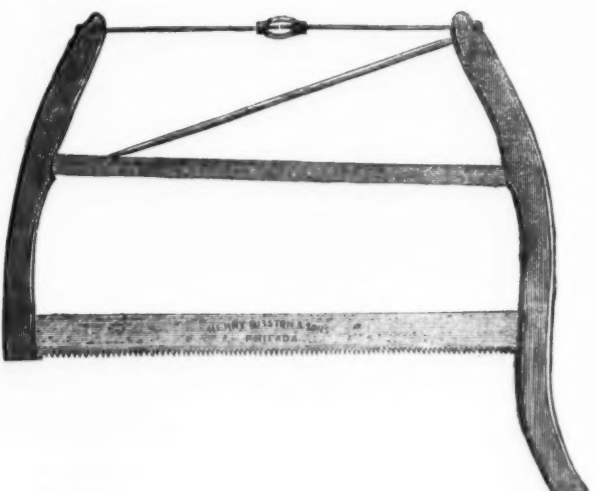
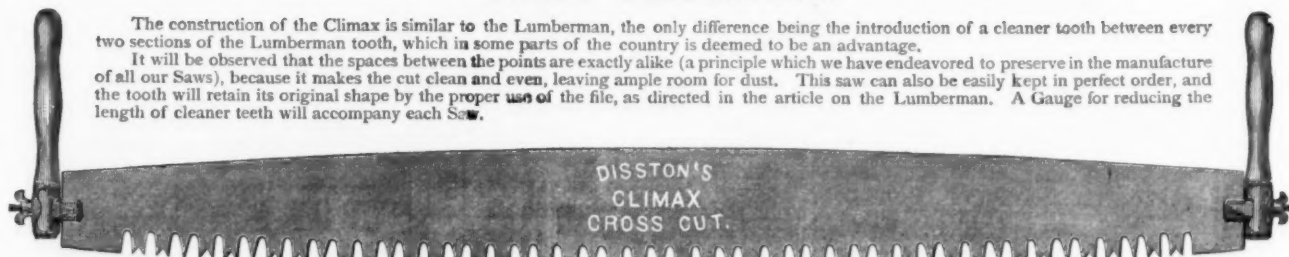
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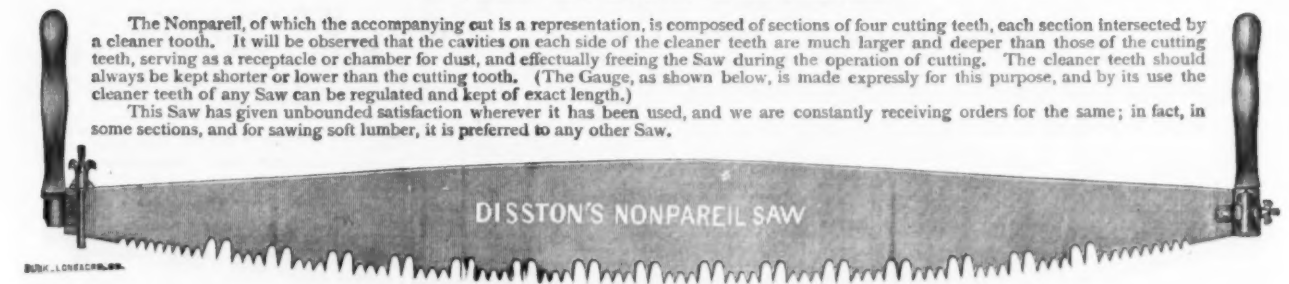
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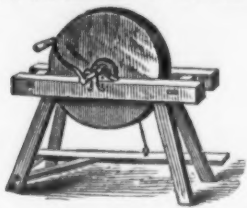
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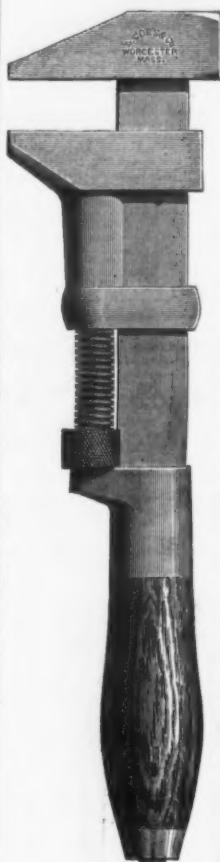
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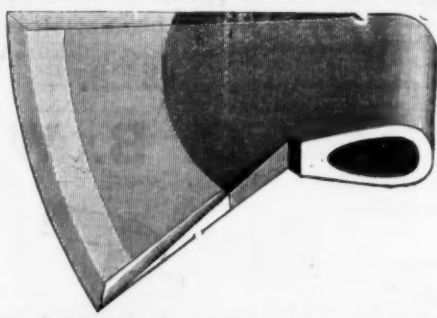
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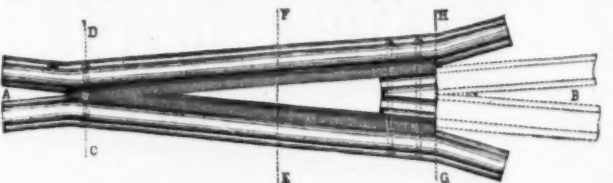


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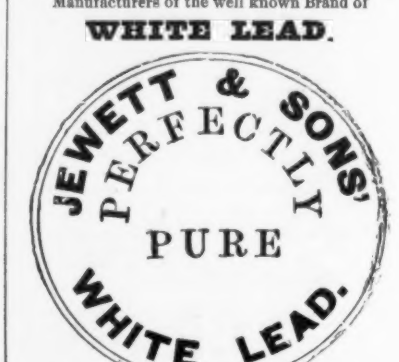
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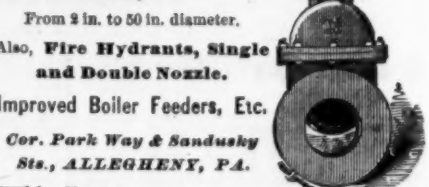
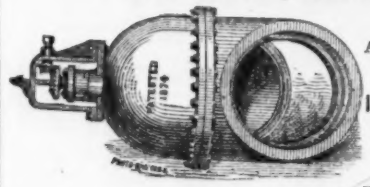
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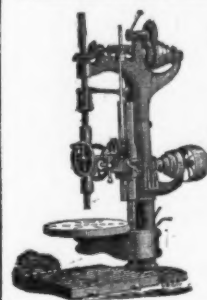


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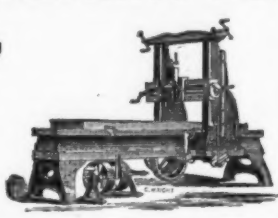
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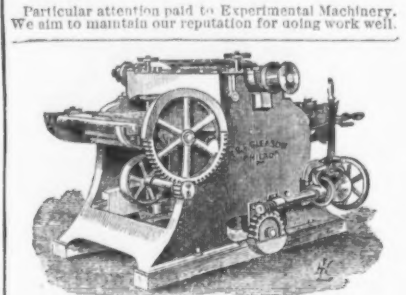
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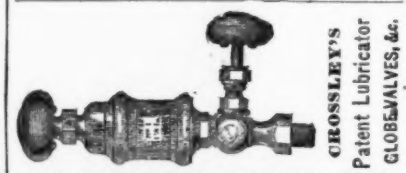
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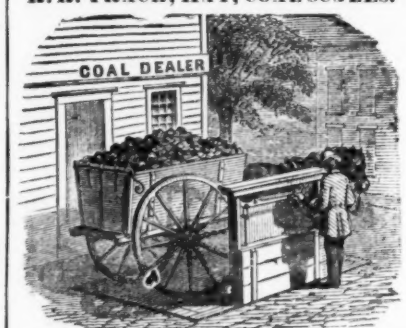
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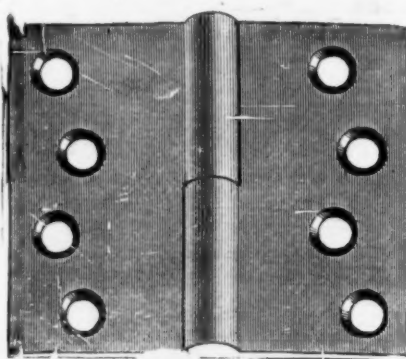
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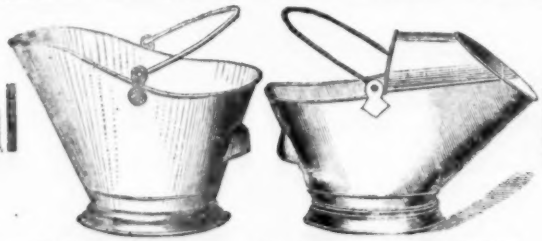
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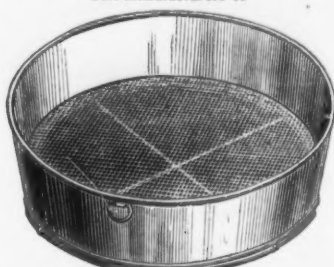
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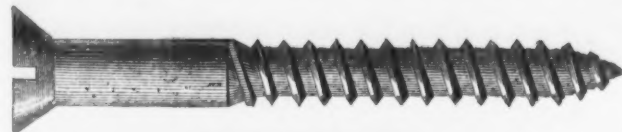
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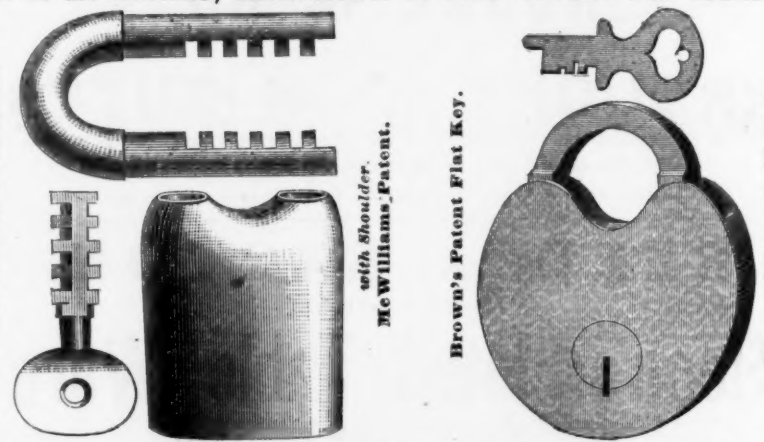
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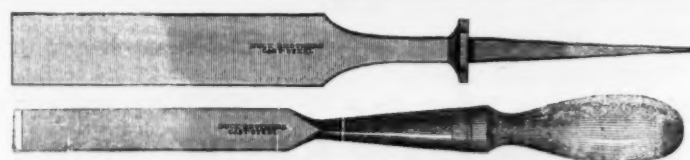
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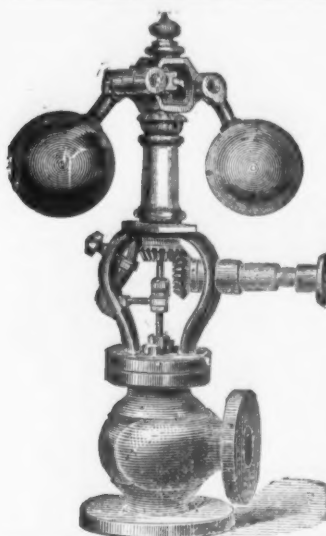
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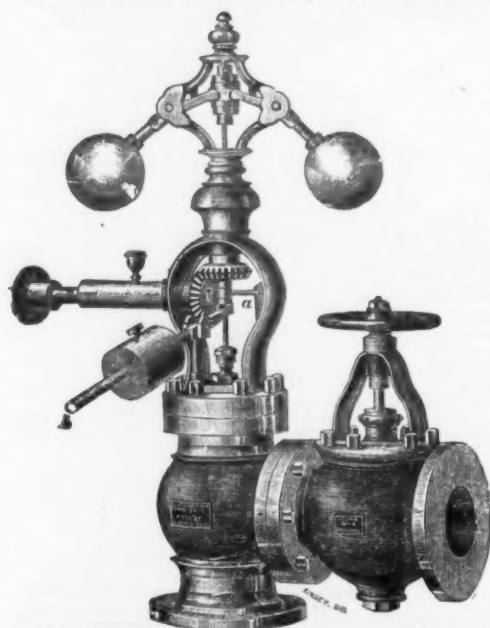
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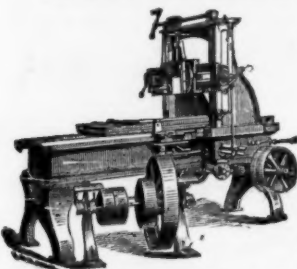
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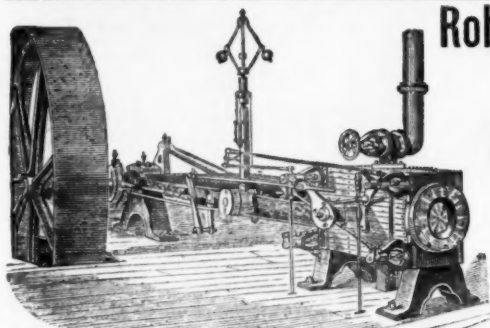
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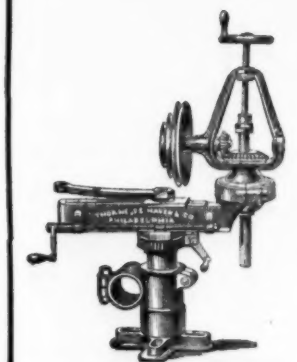
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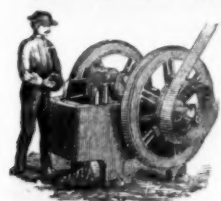
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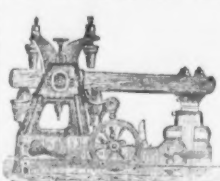


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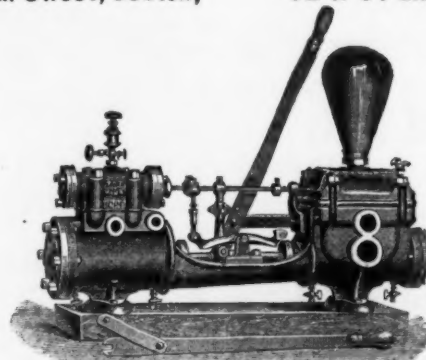
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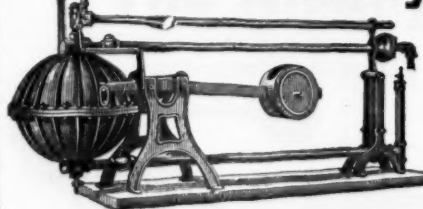
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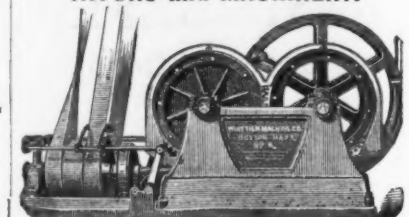
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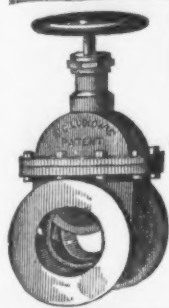
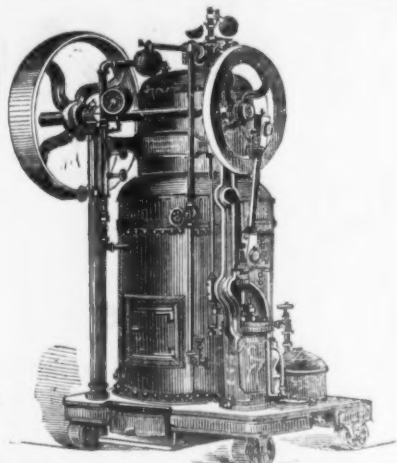
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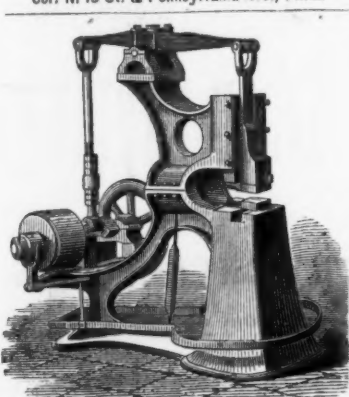
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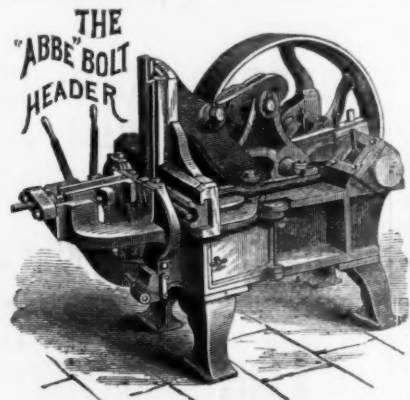
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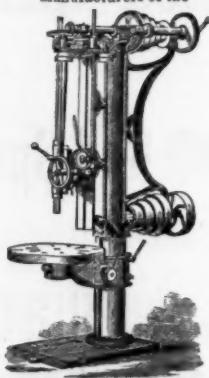
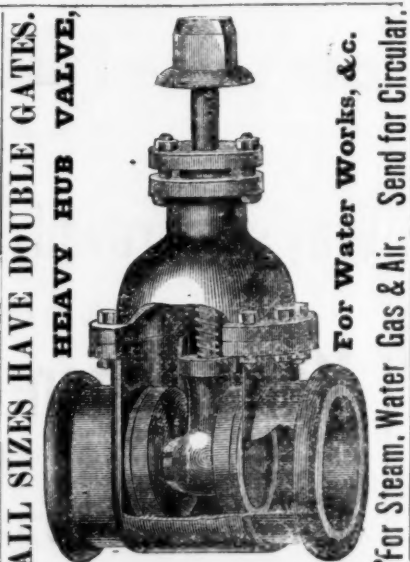
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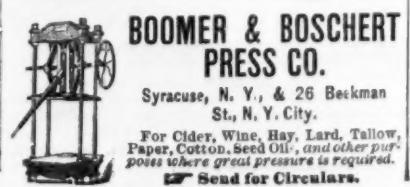
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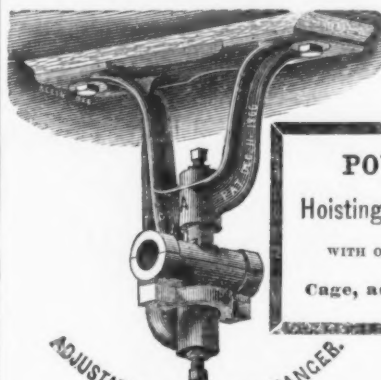
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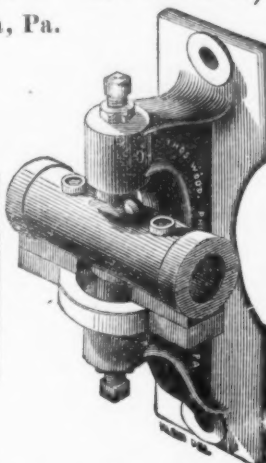
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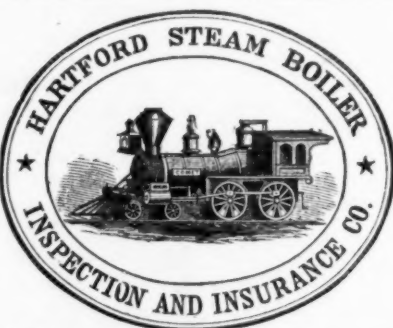
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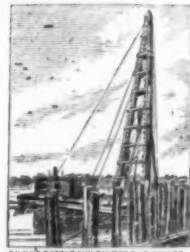
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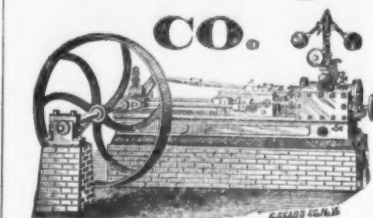
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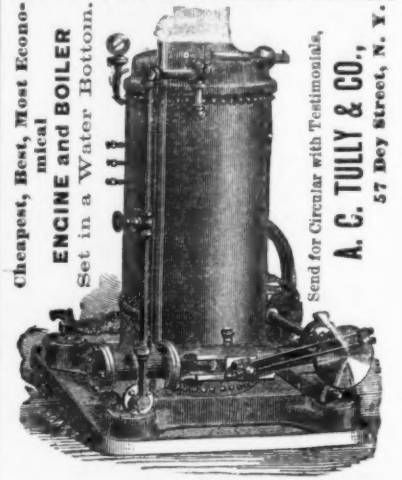
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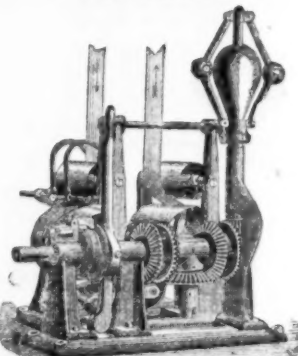
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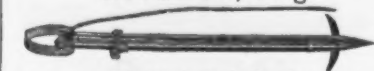
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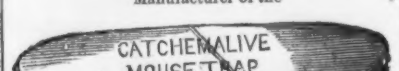
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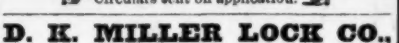
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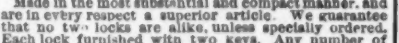
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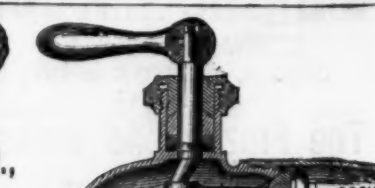
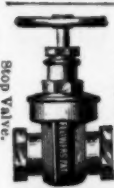
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